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Centennial year reflections contrasted by uncertain futures

By Todd G. Dickson Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces was one of the first places in the state to start centennial celebrations marking the first 100 years of New Mexico's statehood.

On Jan. 7, military jets flew over the city parade at 11:35 a.m. to mark the exact time President William Howard Taft signed the law creating New Mexico as a state 100 years ago.

As residents looked to the sky, few could have imagined that the leaders of White Sands Missile Range and New Mexico State University would be leaving, as well as a change in the future for Doña Ana Community College.

A year ago, residents of southern New Mexico reflected on how early rail and interstate routes brought past growth and how international border shipping and space tourism could bring a new era of prosperity to the region.

Much of that promise remains, but there is now more uncertainty going into the new year.

The only new public high school to open

its doors in New Mexico, the new \$110 million Centennial High School, located just northeast of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, opened its doors in fall 2012 to 1,165 students, primarily freshmen and sophomores with some juniors. Centennial's 344,000-square-foot building on a 72-acre campus is expected to meet its 2,000-student capacity within a couple of years.

Centennial High School incorporated colors from the state flag into the school colors – the yellow and red along with the black – and even its hawk logo has a Zia background.

The design of the high school is different from most other high schools. There are four academic wings, for students pursuing different career paths, and a freshmen academy. Each has administrative support for a-school-within-a-school approach as a way to prevent dropouts.

Centennial aims to be the district's school of the future, with the latest educational technology, including large touch-screen boards that teachers will use for multi-media presentations.

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds took a chance on allowing current and incoming high schoolers to choose not to go to the new high school if they wanted to attend the district's more established three traditional high schools.

When New America School opened this past year, some questioned the need for another high school in the city. But the charter high school's focus on English language mastery and outreach to dropouts proved attractive.

The school at 207 S. Main St., in the remodeled Las Cruces Furniture building, opened with 225 students and its second story unfinished. More students are taking the evening classes than originally anticipated and many of them are older returning students, said Principal Margarita Porter. With a waiting list of more than 40 students, opening the school has proven its need in the community, she said.

"We only have about 40 students under the age of 18," Porter said. "We're serving the needs of a unique population."

Educational shakeups

LCPS staff started classes this past fall feeling a little better after the state's new report card, with most showing improved marks and none flunking.

The grades issued by the state Public Education Department (PED) in July, showed a number of schools improving, including University Hills Elementary School leaping from F to a B, and three other schools rising from D's to B's.

One of the disappointments from last year's first report card on schools was Mayfield High School receiving a D, but that grade is now a C. The district's two other regular high schools – Las Cruces and Oñate – dropped from B grades to C's.

Last year's grades were a test run of the new system to evaluate schools instead of using criteria of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) program. According to Gov. Susana Martinez, this is the first time New Mexico has

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Playing in rainbows at A New World Celebration of Life

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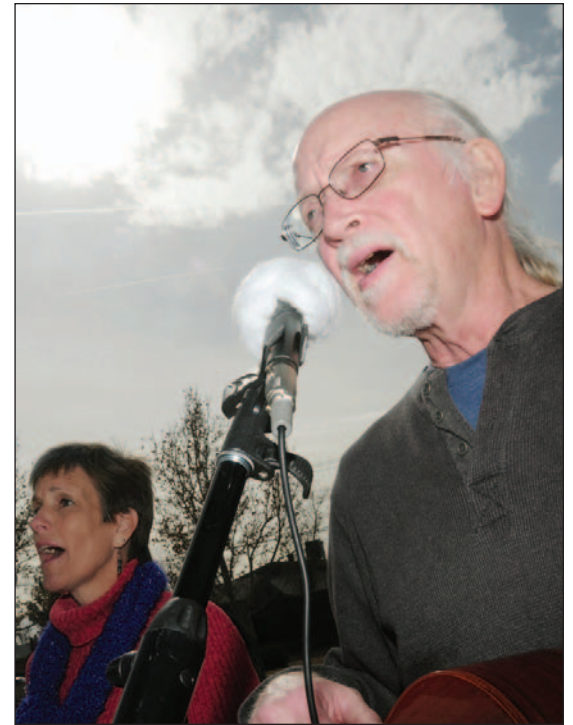
Thatcher Payne, 5, from Oceanside, Calif., stands in front of a rainbow made by a Las Cruces Fire Department truck Saturday, Dec. 22, at Young Park. Called "A New World Celebration of Life," the rainbow was made by artist Fred Stern to symbolize the start of a new world after the end of the Mayan calendar Friday, Dec. 21.



Las Cruces Fire Department firefighter Christopher Johnson mans the hose spraying water into the air to make the rainbows.



C.J. Menking, 4, wears his helmet as he watches the firefighters.



Lauren Michels and Mark Courtney from the group Desert Bend performed during the rainbow-making event.

Nelson Goodin and Andre Richmond, 7, don umbrellas to join others chasing the end of the rainbow being made at the pond in Young Park.



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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

A centennial to remember Las Cruces continues making history

How do you judge a year? Is it a good year when your team goes to the World Series? Or to the Big Dance? Is it a good year when your oldest child graduates from college? Or when your youngest gets all A's?

How about when your state turns 100? If you judge it by those things, it's been a great year for me.

New Mexico's centennial has been wonderfully celebrated for more than a year, going back to the state centennial kickoff at the Las Cruces SalsaFest! in August 2011.

While New Mexico's state capital, Santa Fe, and its largest city, Albuquerque, often steal some of Las Cruces' thunder, it was not true of the state's 100th birthday.

In addition to hosting the kickoff, Las Cruces also celebrated the centennial and marked history in the following ways.

- At the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, New Mexico State University history department head Jon Hunner and television personality Hilary Floren "broadcast" an informative and entertaining re-enactment of President William Howard Taft's signing of the document that made New Mexico the 47th star on the United States flag. (Perhaps most surprising was the fact there exists a professional Taft re-enactor.)
- An impressive parade on the centennial weekend with 100 floats and hundreds of participants.
- Las Cruces Public Schools opened the state's only new high school in 2012 and named it Centennial High School.
- School representatives buried a historic time capsule on the Centennial High School campus.
- Locals produced two great historical books on Las Cruces.
- One of those books, the Bulletin's own "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey," produced with support from New Mexico State University and its photo archives, earned a New Mexico Heritage Preservation Award and was named a winner of the best New Mexico centennial book at the New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards.
- The Aggie men's basketball team won

the Western Athletic Conference basketball tournament, earning a berth in the NCAA tournament.

- The NMSU baseball team also earned a trip to the NCAA tourney.
- The NMSU volleyball team won the WAC tournament and made the NCAA tournament.
- Both NMSU's men's and women's rodeo teams finished in the top 25 in the nation.
- The Las Cruces Bulldawgs won the 2012 state 5A football championship.
- Las Cruces' Austin "No Doubt" Trout defended his WBA boxing championship in Madison Square Garden in front of a huge Showtime audience.
- Las Cruces' Main Street Downtown was opened up to traffic for the first time in more than 40 years.
- Two beautiful new buildings opened in 2012 on opposite ends of Main Street – the New America School and the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science.
- NMSU cut the ribbon on its fabulous new arts center.
- Las Cruces Community Theatre, in its 50th anniversary season, presented "When You Comin' Back Red Ryder," a revival of Tony Award winner Mark Medoff's 1973 play, directed by the man himself.
- MountainView Regional Medical Center turned 10 years old.
- Cowboys for Cancer Research and Mesilla Valley Hospice – two amazing testaments to the generosity and selflessness of our community – turned 30 years old.
- Day's Hamburgers turned 80 years old.
- Allen Theatres and La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home turned 100 years old.
- The Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum displayed multiple exhibits about the centennial and New Mexico history. There's still some time to catch the main exhibit before it goes away. This is by no means a comprehensive list. In addition to these, there were hundreds of other events and activities that helped make New Mexico's 100th year a historic year in its own right.



Letters to the Editor

Time running out for Mexican wolves

All the recent news about Mexican wolves points to one inescapable fact: The number of endangered lobos in the wild is dangerously low and time is running out to save them.

At last count, there were just 58 Mexican wolves in the wild. A population this small is vulnerable to all sorts of threats, from disease to inbreeding. More wolves need to be released right away to maintain genetic diversity and make sure this beautiful creature – the most unique lineage of gray wolf – does not go extinct.

More than 300 Mexican wolves are languishing in captive breeding facilities, many of them good candidates for release into the wild. Yet federal wildlife managers have not released any new wolves in four years.

Worse, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

stubbornly refuses to change an outdated bureaucratic rule that prevents direct releases of wolves into New Mexico, where most of the best unoccupied wolf habitat remains. Wolf experts say that getting rid of this rule is "by far the most important change" that could be made to improve the current reintroduction program.

“... wolves play an essential role in maintaining the health of forests and streams.”

The reason is politics, pure and simple. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service does not want to anger wolf opponents, yet polls show a large majority of residents in both Arizona and New Mexico support wolf recovery.

Biologists know from Yellowstone and elsewhere that top predators like wolves play an essential role in maintaining the health of forests and

streams. It's time to put politics aside and release more Mexican wolves into New Mexico, before it's too late.

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Considering our predictions

A look at the 2012 political game in the Roundhouse



For most of this column's 25-plus years, it has been a tradition to look in the political crystal ball and predict the coming year's events. Late last year, this column made its usual list of predictions; let's see how we did.

Our first prediction was that after a year of watching new Gov. Susana Martinez, we would know her better and be able to figure out what to expect from her. That was close to the mark. She didn't do much she hadn't done her first year.

Martinez continued to go after undocumented immigrant driver's licenses, despite two defeats during her first year. She continued to advocate for children's issues. She continued to be guided by her political campaign advisers and she continued to receive some notoriety as the nation's first female Hispanic governor.

The governor eased up on her opposition to the film industry, but didn't attempt to change any of the restrictions placed on the industry during her first year in office. Martinez also eased her lukewarm attitude toward the spaceport, but it continues to die on the vine.

Martinez's popularity has

continued to soar around 60 percent. Perhaps the message is that New Mexicans prefer a governor who doesn't take a lot of bold actions as her predecessor did and several of her current Republican gubernatorial colleagues are doing in other states.

We must face the fact that New Mexicans have a very different governor than most we have had in the past, Republican or Democrat. Maybe she will be more like Bruce King than any other New Mexico governor.

Martinez will not build a spaceport or railroad. She won't be a highway or prison builder like Gary Johnson. Or reorganize all of state government as Jerry Apodaca did. Or bring in the movie industry and star in a dozen or more films as Dave Cargo did, Or build a new capital building as Jack Campbell did. Or build a new governor's residence as Ed Mechem did.

Martinez will continue to be sweet Susana to most New Mexicans.

Some of that luster may wear off as she heads toward the end of her term and a reelection campaign. Not all would be due to her. Staff and others responsible for carrying out her initiatives may affect her standing.

Our predictions of winners in last June's primary elections were all correct. Mitt Romney, Heather Wilson, Martin Heinrich, Steve Pearce and Ben Ray Lujan all won

their races.

We predicted Albuquerque Mayor R.J. Berry would keep Republicans on pins and needles on whether he will seek reelection in October 2013, that prediction still holds. He's still keeping them guessing.

The crystal ball revealed former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson winning the Libertarian Party presidential nomination last May and then encountering the same problems he did when he tried for the Republican nomination. No one wanted to notice him despite, or because of, some very colorful stands.

A year ago, I made some predictions about the New Mexico Aggie football and basketball teams continuing to dominate the University of New Mexico men's teams. Coaching and player changes have begun to change that. I look forward to the day when both teams will be playing at a high level – and in the same league.

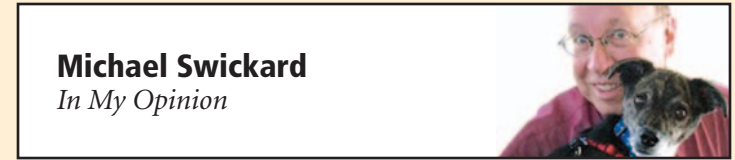
Finally, a very easy prediction – the world will not end any time soon despite some of our best efforts to destroy it. There is something in human nature that needs or desires an Armageddon.

We just passed another one that was a little bigger than the rest. But it will not discourage some folks. There will be more to come.

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Who is crazy?

No easy solutions exist to the problem of our mentally ill



Gov. Susana Martinez recently was talking about trying to help our more dysfunctional mentally ill citizens. That is a good thing for government to do.

But, the act of dealing with our mentally ill population seems to ask more questions than we can answer. We know real mentally ill when it is someone else, but where is the dividing line between eccentric and somewhat crazy that necessitates an intervention?

Years ago, there were mental institutions. They served as a warehouse, but it was even worse than what we have now, which is mostly neglect. These institutions focused predators upon the most fragile populations and the outcomes were horrible.

Not that it is a whole lot better now. The most profoundly mentally ill in our society languish in a world where they are not seen by polite society. They hang out under bridges and in parts of town where the majority rarely goes. You also see them in jails that were

meant for criminals.

There are a number of reasons that we, as a society, cannot seem to get our collective act together with these fragile populations.

It is one of our core horrors, not being mentally sound. What makes us human is our ability to reason and the loss of that reason repulses some people. When I was playing guitar in the bars years ago, I would go to a coffee shop afterwards to settle myself down because I did not drink. At one coffee shop, there was a guy who sat near the cash register and when people started to leave at two in the morning, he would say in a sincere voice, "Don't go."

People would momentarily feel better that someone did not want them to go. Then they would be furious because it was just a late night crazy who said that to everyone. Personally, I smiled and did not think an intervention was required. Yes, he got punched a few times, but was it all that crazy?

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New Year's resolutions often begin with "I will lose five pounds" or "I promise to quit smoking."

But, without keeping the following suggestions in mind, your resolutions may become nothing more than fodder for frustration.

Be committed. You must think through what you want to change and commit yourself to the long-term process. You then need to come up with a realistic plan to help you reach your goals. For example, if you want to shed some pounds create a weight-loss schedule and an achievable diet and exercise plan. If your family and friends are supportive, tell them about your goals. They can provide encouragement and reinforce your commitment to change. If necessary, seek professional help to assist you.

Be prepared for setbacks. Don't think of them as complete failures, don't dwell on them, and don't let them make you give up your goals. After a setback, try to get back on track to reach your objective. Plan ahead on how you'll deal with setbacks. For example, if you do have a cigarette when you're trying to quit, your plan may include reviewing all the reasons you listed for wanting to stop smoking and why reaching that goal will make you happy.

Track your progress. Motivate yourself by celebrating your successes and by getting positive feedback from supportive family and friends. A good approach is to evaluate yourself every week or two weeks. However, don't over-monitor yourself by doing a self-assessment every day. That's just likely to end in frustration. Don't compare yourself to others. Accomplish your goal in a way that's best suited to you.

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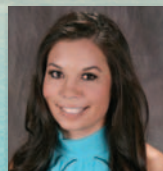
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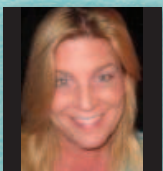
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Letters to the Editor

An alternative to insurance exchanges

That “impertinent” ACA wouldn’t go away; this became clear to the disappointed anti-Obama Republicans after the president’s resounding victory on Nov. 6. The Patient Protection Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) was finally placed on the front burner, though reluctantly, by Gov. Susana Martinez.

Elsewhere around the country, a few Republican governors refused to buy in on what is now the law of the land with their last opportunity for a repeal blown with Mitt Romney’s loss.

Other state governments are balking at one major component of the new law – the insurance exchanges, but for good reason. The state of Delaware has determined that the marketplace idea for a state operated pool of insurance companies from which those eligible must select their coverage is simply not economically sound for their state.

A good case is made for this in a New York Times article (June 25, 2010) featuring the findings of the noted economists David Reimer and Alain Enthoven. They concluded: “The exchange would need to act on behalf of a critical mass of people – at least 20 percent of the insured population that does not already receive Medicare or Medicaid. Only a pool this size would attract serious bids from insurers.”

Using this formula, New Mexico would come up with only 10.7 percent (New Mexico Office of Health Care Reform estimate) – far short of the 20 percent figure that would make it viable in our state.

Another factor to keep in mind when considering the insurance exchanges is the Massachusetts experience. Gov. Romney signed into law the exact same exchange concept for his state with disappointing fiscal consequences – the costs for health care coverage in the state of Massachusetts are now the highest in the nation resulting in budget cuts for other items like education and other social services.

The good news is that we have an alterna-

tive to the exchange idea. Health Security for New Mexicans (HSNM), a proposed bill, has undergone rigorous review that include two empirical studies (the Lewin Institute and the Mathematica) whose findings assert that when compared to the other proposed plans, the HSNM Act was in fact the most economical way toward affordable health care coverage for New Mexicans.

The Lewin study even went further – it found that if HSNM had been adopted in our state in the year 1997, it would have realized a savings of \$4.7 billion by the year 2004. We can only imagine the added savings to the taxpayers when New Mexico accepts the ACA related Medicaid expansion and the additional federal monies it brings.

In addition, implementing the act would not require any new taxes, nor would it take any resources from the state’s general fund. The ground swell of community support is impressive: 143 statewide organizations and 32 counties and municipalities endorse HSNM.

Meanwhile, it appears that our governor is gearing up for installing the insurance exchanges without the benefit of any feasibility studies and ignoring the “look before we leap” sensible way to go.

What is the cost to New Mexico after the feds retreat from their initial ACA setup supports? How will we rein in the rising insurance costs?

States are permitted to request waivers to the insurance exchanges and opt to enact their own plan but must wait until the year 2017, unless this date is removed by a congressional amendment.

HSNM is waiting in the wings for this event or for consideration for the 2017 date. Our campaign still implores our lawmakers to go for the insurance exchange cost analysis before jumping off the cliff. As early as March 2010, President Obama endorsed the state waivers and the initiatives to remove the 2017 date, providing they meet the new standards, and at the same time are lower cost than federal law establishes.

For more information, call 505-897-1803 or www.nmhealthsecurity.org.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Mustache safety

Moustaches have become de rigueur in certain lifestyle choices; mountain men, Arctic explorers, Fu Man Chu-ists, carnival acts like the bearded lady and cowboy poets.

As we know, if something becomes popular, the government soon tries to get involved.

A word about moustache safety and maintenance: haphazard. There are really no official rules, no regulations passed down by the Department of Sanitation or Landscaping or Aerodynamics. But I suppose one might encounter moustache restrictions for certain jobs like wine tasting, orthodontics, or swallowing fire.

However, moustache freedom may soon be endangered. Already, well-meaning socialist potentates have passed intrusive laws in their kingdom decreeing no smoking, no soda pop, no Big Macs, no voting Republican and no spitting on the sidewalk laws. What if these little self-appointed kinglets discovered that moustaches can be life threatening?

Let’s consider the story of LeeRay, a good ol’ Nebraska farm boy. It was calving season and things were not going well. They had a lot of scouring calves and heifers not pairing up.

LeeRay was the ground-man at the calving barn. He’s a big fellow, not fleet-of-foot but strong and hard working. He was being helped by two cowboys who watched the “heavy bunch.”

One late afternoon, the cowboys brought in a big Angus cow who, in spite of her calving difficulty, was still on the fight. The cowboys backed the trailer up to the loading pen and led their horses out. LeeRay walked

in, opened the middle divider and quickly stepped back. Mama Cow disembarked like a long-jumper in the Ungulate Olympics and put LeeRay over the fence.

The cowboys mounted up and managed to get a rope around her neck to help direct her to the alley that led to the calving barn. It wasn’t working, so LeeRay stood in the alley gate to tempt her. (To those of you who participate in dressage or raise rabbits, this

may seem to be a questionable practice. But so is riding bulls, returning punts or falling in love with a cowboy.)

Mama Cow took the bait and charged, dragging horse and rider behind her. LeeRay slid and stumbled down the alley into the calving barn like a wounded rabbit at the dog races.

The alleyway was a 4-inch layer of fines made up of sand, horse

manure, hay and dust. The dally slipped. Mama caught up and hit LeeRay square in the seat of his pants, sending him into a nosedive.

With her pushing, he plowed a furrow 12 feet long in the thick dust and dirt.

He got to his hands and knees twice but she never let up. She just kept on plowing with LeeRay turning up the curl.

Finally he slid by an open gate, rolled to the right and she took a left into the little calving pen.

“Are you alright?” yelled the cowboys.

LeeRay staggered to his feet. He looked like a 200-pound breaded muskrat.

He blinked back the tears and said, “I think I swallowed my moustache!”

Black may be contacted through his website at www.baxterblack.com

“Mama Cow disembarked like a long-jumper in the Ungulate Olympics.”

Crazy

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So where is the boundary between mildly dysfunctional and when is an intervention is appropriate?

One of my interests is summiting mountains. Former Gov. Gary Johnson climbed Mount Everest, where one person in seven dies in the attempt. Is it mental illness to do something where one in seven dies? And, what about those who are trying to climb more difficult mountains such as Annapurna, where one in three die in the attempt. Should we intervene to save their lives?

Do we have the constitutional right to intervene? When someone is living on the street, but otherwise is not harming anyone, do they have a constitutional right to live on the street? That is so obvious.

But what about when someone dates an obviously inappropriate person? Should there be the department of “She will never love you” that intervenes? Talk about hard knocks, if you marry the wrong person, it will also be the wrong person to divorce. Should we, as a society, intervene?

Light up a cigarette and I would like to read your tea leaves for you but it seems you have a right to harm yourself. Let us consider those who desire to take illegal drugs. Are they mentally ill? Perhaps they do not have a drug problem, they have a thinking problem. What about those who feel compelled to text and drive? Another thinking problem, or are they mentally ill?

We can identify some forms of mental illness, but do we really understand these issues well enough to know the boundaries of mental illness? So we are back to where I started this column.

Having our mentally ill in jails is not a good solution. Letting the mentally ill languish on the streets or in private homes may not be the most sustainable solution for the good of the society as a whole.

I hope Martinez and both sides of the political spectrum can come together and find real solutions to the mentally ill challenges of our society. Maybe we should tackle mental illness before we tackle poverty. Maybe curing one would cure the other. Maybe we, as a society, are the ones with a thinking problem.

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Bosque park hosts weekly events

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle de Norte, has announced its December events:

- 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays: Ranger-led nature hikes: Visitors can join a park ranger on a guided nature hike and learn about the history of Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Plants and wildlife that live in the park will be identified along the trail. Bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and wear hiking shoes.
- 8:15 a.m. Saturdays: Bird tours: Visitors can join a park volunteer and learn about the birds found during the winter at

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and wear hiking shoes. Tours last one to two hours.

All events are free with a valid park pass. Daily entrance fee is \$5 per vehicle. Annual day passes are available for \$40.

Winter hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The park is closed Mondays and Tuesdays through March.

For more information, call LuAnn Kilday at 523-4398.

SAR chapter meeting

The Gadsden Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold its next chapter meeting at noon Jan. 19, 2013, at Uno Chicago

Grill, 2102 N. Telshor Court. New officers will be installed and some office responsibilities will be changed.

For more information, call Sam Bradley at 522-3479.

Aquatic center closes Sundays

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department has announced the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., will be closed Sundays from Jan. 6-March 17, 2013.

The center will reopen on Sundays from March 24 through Sept. 1, 2013, except Labor Day Weekend.

For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782. The TTY number is 541-2772.

History classes at museum

The popular New Mexico history class at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, will be offered again in 2013.

Anyone interested in registering for the class may choose between two sessions:

- 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 8-March 19
- 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 9-March 20, there will be no class Feb. 19-20

Cost is \$45 per person, with a \$10 discount for members of the museum's Friends group. Space is limited to the first 30 people to sign up for each of the two classes, which fill up quickly each year. Registration and payment are required in advance.

The class is taught by retired New Mexico State University professor Jo Tice Bloom. The format will be lecture and discussion with each week focusing on a different aspect of New Mexico history. Beginning with the early Indian settlements and trade, the talks will follow a chronological sequence into the 21st century.

Spanish friars and Mexican land grants, water laws and new foods, roles of the military and women, Spanish and American conquest and arts and literature will be among the many subjects covered. Each week participants will receive a talk outline and reading list of fiction and non-fiction books and literature. There are no papers to write, no exams to take.

To register and reserve a spot, visit the museum or call 522-4100.

Flag football league registration

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department sixth annual Las Cruces "Gridiron Classic" four-on-four adult

flag football tournament continues through 8 p.m. Feb. 6, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

This year's tournament will include a women's division and two men's divisions; open and 35-plus years. The tournament is open to individuals 18 years of age and older and will be held Feb. 23-24, 2013, at Legends West Sports Field, at the northwest corner of the Field of Dreams football field parking lot. This will be a non-contact flag football tournament and each team will play pool-play on Saturday, followed by a single elimination tournament on Sunday. Cost is \$200 per team and five games are guaranteed.

For more information, contact the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2771.

Rocket launch set Jan. 5

The Fellowship of Las Cruces Area Rocketry Enthusiasts (FLARE) will host a sports launch at the Waterfalls Launch Site at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, weather permitting

Anyone interested in model rocketry is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Thomas Kindig at tokind@flare-rocketry.com or 201-3336.

Basketball league registration

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Adult Winter Basketball League continues through 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

The league contains one division for women age 18 and older and four divisions for adult men, ages 18 and older, age 29 and older, age 39 and older and age 49 and older.

Cost is \$465 per team. A 50 percent deposit may be made and the remaining balance due by registration deadline. A team roster with player signatures must be turned in at the manager's team meeting. All documentation will need to be submitted by each team before they can be scheduled for league play.

A new player/managers meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Games are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 14, 2013.

For more information, contact Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563 or visit www.las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 541-2771.

Co-rec volleyball registration ends Jan. 4

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's Adult Co-Rec Indoor Volleyball League continues through 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The

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co-rec league is for adults 18 years and older. There must be a minimum of two female players on the court at all times.

Cost is \$250 per team. A 50 percent deposit may be made and the remaining balance will be due by registration deadline. A team roster with player signatures must be turned in at the manager's team meeting. All documentation will need to be submitted by each team before they can be scheduled for league play.

A new player/managers meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Games are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 14, 2013.

For more information, contact Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563 or visit www.las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 541-2771.

White Sands events set

White Sands National Monument has announced its schedule of events for January 2013.

- 4 p.m. daily through Jan. 4; 4:15 p.m. daily Jan. 5-11; and 4:30 p.m. daily Jan. 12-Feb. 1. Sunset strolls. Visitors can enjoy leisurely one-hour, ranger-guided walks through the sand dunes and learn about the geology, botany and zoology of the park. The strolls start at the sign in the park about five miles from the visitor center.
- 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27: Lake Lucero Tour. Visitors can take a tour of Lake Lucero, the source of the white sands, with a ranger. Cost: \$3 for adults age 16 and older; \$1.50 for children and America the Beautiful Senior and Access Pass holders. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.nps.gov/whsa.
- 2 p.m. each Sunday: Crafty Kids. Rangers share surprising facts about the creepy crawlers, amazing adaptors and out-of-this-world geology of the park. The program is targeted to kids ages 6 to 10. Parents are welcome to participate.
- 3 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday: Skins and Skulls. A park ranger presents a 20-minute talk about the animals of White Sands. Skulls, pelts and other items will be on display.
- 1:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday: Map Talks: A park ranger will be available to answer questions and provide tips for enjoying the park.

All programs are free with the paid monument entrance fee, which is \$3 per person 16 years and older, unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change without notice.

The White Sands National Monument visitor center is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Feb. 24, 2013. Monument hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Jan. 10, 2013, and from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11-Feb. 7, 2013.

For more information, call 479-6124 or visit www.nps.gov/whsa.

After school program

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will be accepting registration applications for the After School Program for the 2013 spring session at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 Hadley Ave., through Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, for current participants only (if site is at capacity). Any slots not paid for by the registration deadline will be opened to the public on Jan. 7, 2013, and remain open until the site is filled.

The school sites for children from kindergarten through fifth grade are Alameda, Hermosa Heights, Fairacres, Highland, Monte Vista and Valley View elementaries. Each site can accommodate 60 participants.

Cost per child is \$352 for the spring session and only partial payments of 50 percent will be accepted for a maximum of 30 days. A copy of a birth certificate per child must be provided at the time of payment.

If full payment is not made by the specified deadlines, the participant's placement will be forfeited. Acceptable payments include cash, check, money orders and major credit cards. Debit cards will not be accepted.

For more information, regarding the lottery process or general inquiries, call the Parks & Recreation administrative office at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2772.

Police academy set to graduate 13 cadets

The Las Cruces Police Department will graduate 13 cadets from its state-certified law enforcement training academy at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, in the auditorium of the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus, 2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

The commencement ceremony will be the 42nd for the Las Cruces Police Department and is open to the public.

The cadets expected to graduate that day are Stephanie Carabajal, Jared Cosper, George Dominguez, Adrian Gonzales, Connie Heard, Angel Medina, Miguel Moore, Ryan Postenrieder, Juan Roman, Jeremy Salinas, Jason Saucedo, Jonathan Stinnett and Eden Terrazas.

All 13 cadets will have completed rigorous training exercises and passed comprehensive state exams that make them eligible to receive their New Mexico peace officer certification. The education LCPD cadets receive exceeds the requirements established by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety.

The Las Cruces Police Department's 21-week academy provides more than 1,000 hours of law enforcement education and training. The bulk of the academy, roughly 75 percent of it, is classroom instruction while the remaining 25 percent consists of field training in and around Las Cruces.

Upon graduation each police cadet will be assigned to an experienced field training officer who will guide them on an additional 14 weeks of instruction before they are assigned to regular duty.

The Las Cruces Police Department's next training academy is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of 2013.

GFWC meets in January

The GFWC Progress Club will have its annual Card Party fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 19, 2013, at the Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Tickets are \$10 each and lunch is included. Fun and prizes spice up this fundraiser for scholarship recipients at New Mexico State University.

For more information or tickets, contact Jo Banks at 532-1207 or josiiebanks@aol.com.

Trackways foundation meets at MONAS

The Paleozoic Trackway Foundation will meet at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, in the cafe room of the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Activities at the site of the national monument located in the Robledo Mountains will be discussed.

For more information, call Flo Hosa Dougherty at 523-2950.

Harley group hosts ride

The first ride of the Southern New Mexico Harley Owner's Group for 2013 will be the Director's Ride, Tuesday, Jan. 1 – New Year's Day. The ride will begin at Barnett's Harley-Davidson Las Cruces, 2600 Lakeside Drive, and will end at Sunland Park Race Track & Casino in Sunland Park. Members and their guests are welcome. The group will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at Furr's Buffet, 2340 E. Griggs Ave. The meeting is open to anyone

with an interest in motorcycles. Those purchasing breakfast should arrive at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call Deb DeMin at 301-462-7341.

Gathering honors Marine

A gathering to honor Marine Harold Whalen of the Marine Corp League, El Paso Diablo Detachment No. 478, will be held at American Legion Post No. 10, at 1185 E. Madrid Ave., at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013.

Whalen was instrumental in establishing the honor guard at funeral services for veterans of any military service in Las Cruces. The service, established in 1998, has provided honor guard services to more than 920 military funerals. Whalen will be relocating to Las Vegas, Nev., with his son in the near future.

For more information or to RSVP, call Jeronimo Del Bozque at 382-5118.

Camera club announces two meetings in January

The Doña Ana Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

Club member Scott Caretto will provide a technical workshop on using off camera flashes.

A meeting on Jan. 15, will feature a travelogue presentation by Ron Saltzman on his visits to the Armendaris Ranch, a 358,000 acre private ranch owned by Ted Turner and host to several wildlife research projects.

Meetings offer technical presentations, friendly suggestions for improving member photos, travelogues, networking, and other activities for a spectrum of photographers and abilities.

For more information, visit www.dacamclub.org or call 532-1919.



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utilized a school accountability system created specifically for its students.

More than 830 elementary, middle and high schools were measured in different areas of student achievement. As opposed to basing the system on a single test score, these school grades are calculated using at least three years of data in areas such as academic growth, attendance, support of both the highest- and lowest-performing students and college and career readiness.

New Mexico's School Grading System replaces the Academic Yearly Progress (AYP) federal assessment which, according to estimates, would have labeled nearly 98 percent of New Mexico's schools as "failing" this year, which educators said provided little useful information to differentiate between schools based on growth or proficiency.

In February, New Mexico became one of the first 11 states in the country to receive a waiver from this federal rating system in order to adopt a state-specific approach to provide better information about student progress and achievement when rating schools.

"These results are not only important to inform parents and students today about where their school stands, but they are helpful for teachers, school leaders and community stakeholders who want to take action to reform education in New Mexico and improve our schools," Martinez said when the grades were released. "We are measuring progress and growth, and we need to focus more intently than ever on identifying our lowest-performing schools and students so that we can get them the help they need to succeed."

The 2012 results show more than 65 percent of New Mexico schools either maintained or improved their school grade since the release of preliminary results in January.

If the school grades provided reassurance that the public schools are making progress, a major accreditation setback at DACC may have played a role in the ouster of NMSU President Barbara Couture.

In October, regents announced after a series of closed meetings that Couture was ending her tenure as president of the university.

Regents Chairman Mike Cheney said the meetings were part of negotiations to come to a "mutually agreeable separation" for Couture, who was hired in November 2009. Couture was put on administrative leave until Dec. 31, and should receive a lump sum payment of \$453,092 no later than Jan. 15, 2013, relieving NMSU of any future legal claims by Couture. Her original contract offered her a \$500,000 bonus if she was still



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president at the end of 2014, in addition to her annual salary of \$385,000.

Replacing Couture was Manuel Pacheco, who had served as NMSU's interim president prior to Couture's selection. By mid-December, Pacheco accepted a letter of retirement from DACC President Margie Huerta to be effective Jan. 31, 2014.

Huerta had been weathering criticism when DACC's nursing program lost accreditation, creating a crisis for 99 students in the program. Most of the students transferred to NMSU for the bachelor's degree program, which would require them to take two more years of training.

Economic opportunities

For local leaders trying to create more economic opportunity, a lot of effort was put into wooing a \$1 billion high-tech mock city, in hopes of creating more than 300 permanent jobs.

Pegasus Global Holdings announced in May it chose Lea County and Hobbs, N.M., as the location for the Center for Innovation, Testing and Evaluation (CITE). Later, however, the deal fell apart and now Pegasus has its sights on Luna County for CITE.

Part of the reason Pegasus didn't choose Doña Ana County is that the project would have needed to acquire 15,000 acres of state trust land that includes Coralitos Ranch, west of the Las Cruces International Airport. That area also is being promoted for national monument status – along with a lot of other federal land holdings in the county – in a proposal to President Barack Obama.

State Land Commissioner Ray Powell has raised concerns about state land being a part of either proposal. He is also revisiting planning for state trust land on the East Mesa that had been annexed by the city for future growth.

Providing some guidance to the planning, the city and county finally adopting the Vision 2040 report called "One Valley, One Vision." Using the 2010 census data, the 2040 report makes growth projections for various areas within the county for the next 30 years. The report suggests the agencies and governmental groups that will be responsible for the land and operations in the county, so they can work together on issues.

Bill Mattiace, former mayor of Las Cruces, and Charlie Scholz, who chaired the Las Cruces Planning and Zoning Commission, led the commission that formed the new report, which they have said is meant to encourage intergovernmental



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Mike White was grinning as he watched cars drive down the re-opened Main Street in front of his White's Music Box store Nov. 17. "I haven't seen this many cars driving by in 43 years," he said.

and inter-agency cooperation, in conjunction with the stakeholders, on decisions about future development and preservation efforts.

Meanwhile, support from the both the city and county also have been sought by the Jemez Pueblo and Fort Sill Apache for different Indian casino projects.

The Las Cruces City Council already has officially given its support for the Jemez proposal to open an off-reservation casino on trust land by Anthony, N.M.

The council also has been asked to back a similar statement of support for an Oklahoma-based tribe's plans to open a casino on trust land in Luna County.

With 30 acres in Akela Flats now official tribal reservation land, the Fort Sill Apache tribe is submitting its application with the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs. The tribe wants to begin gaming at its 30,000-square-foot building in Akela Flats, located about halfway between Las Cruces and Deming on the north side of Interstate 10. The building was designed to handle 650 slot machines, seven table games, a full-service restaurant and a cultural center. The facility has parking for 600 cars, 40 RVs, trucks and employees, which would number between 280 and 300 workers.

Homecomings and departure

The year ended with most soldiers of the 2nd Engineer Battalion stationed at WSMR deployed to Afghanistan, just as men and women deployed in the New Mexico National Guard were returning home from Egypt.

Among those returning was Mesilla Trustee Sam Bernal who would attend board meetings by Skype at 3 a.m. in Egypt.

At WSMR, Commander John Ferrari was promoted to brigadier general, only to be promoted a few months later to director for Joint and Futures, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, in Washington, D.C.

He has been replaced by Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham, who was formerly commandant of the Army Quartermaster School in Fort Lee, Va. Bingham, who also is of African-American decent, is WSMR's first female commander.

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New Year's Day closings

All city, county, state and federal offices and agencies will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

- Emergency services will not be affected. The holiday closings are as follows:
- Most City of Las Cruces offices will be closed Tuesday.
 - Meerscheidt Recreation Center; Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center; Henry Benavidez Community Center; The Life Center; Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center; Frenger Pool; all senior programs; Branigan Memorial Library; all city museums; city solid waste offices; RoadRunner Transit administration office; Foothills Landfill and yard waste recycling will be closed Tuesday.
 - There will be no solid waste or recycling collection Tuesday.
 - East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive will be closed Tuesday.
 - No service for RoadRunner Transit and Dial-A-Ride Tuesday.
 - All Doña Ana County offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 31, and Tuesday.
 - El Paso Electric: Business offices, including

customer payment centers, will be closed Tuesday. EPE offices will re-open on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

- All New Mexico state government offices and agencies, including state District Court, will be closed Tuesday. The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, will be closed Tuesday. The museum will reopen, with regular hours, on Wednesday, Jan. 2.
- All federal offices and agencies, including White Sands Missile Range and the White Sands Test Facility, will be closed Tuesday.
- All municipal government offices in Mesilla, Hatch, Sunland Park and Anthony will be closed Tuesday.
- All schools and offices in the Las Cruces Public Schools, New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College, Gadsden Independent School District, Hatch Valley Public Schools, and all private schools will be closed Tuesday.
- Banks, savings and loans, and credit unions will be closed Tuesday. U.S. markets are also closed Tuesday.

Prescription ring indicted

A federal grand jury has indicted seven residents of Las Cruces on conspiracy and prescription drug trafficking charges.

Michael Garret Schavier, 29, Juan Rubalcava, 39, Michael Frye, 24, Shane Smolik, 24, Carlos Teran, 29, Kyle Mendenhall, 19, and Kristopher Hollingshead, 23, are charged in a 14-count indictment that was filed by a federal grand jury in Las Cruces on Dec. 13.

The indictment alleges that, between December 2011 and May 2012, the defendants conspired to possess Oxycodone and Adderall with intent to distribute in Doña Ana County.

The indictment also charges members of the conspiracy with possession of Oxycodone and Adderall with intent to distribute.

According to the indictment, the defendants used fraudulent prescriptions to obtain Oxycodone, a painkiller, and Adderall, a stimulant, from pharmacies in Las Cruces and Alamogordo.

The indictment alleges that, during a six-month period, the defendants fraudulently obtained an aggregate of 2,691 pills of Oxycodone (30 mg), 120 pills of Oxycodone (15 mg), and 390 pills of Adderall (30 mg), with the intention of unlawfully distributing the pills.

CrimeStoppers



School burglaries

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps investigators determine who is responsible for burglarizing a local elementary school twice within a month.

Las Cruces Police are investigating two burglaries at Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School at 5250 Holman Road. The first burglary was reported Nov. 11 and the second was a month later, Tuesday, Dec. 11. Both burglaries appear to have been committed sometime after 11 p.m.

More than \$14,000 worth of laptop computers, projectors and iPads were taken during the burglaries and close to

\$2,000 in damages was reported at the school. Investigators have not determined whether the two burglaries are related or if they were committed by the same individuals.

Anyone with information that can help investigators determine who may have committed the two burglaries is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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Looking back at 2012 The year in photos

Jeff Garcia, superintendant for Gerald Martin Construction, and Centennial High School Principal Michael Montoya, Sept. 22, seal a time capsule to be stored for the next 25 years until future students and faculty discover it.



More than 6,700 participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March in March, which marked the 70th anniversary of the infamous World War II defeat in the Philippine Islands.



Las Cruces residents and actor Dale Liikala re-enact the 1912 signing of the proclamation by President William H. Taft making New Mexico a state in January, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.



Las Cruces High School alumnus and member of the 1975 state championship football team Fred Mendoza shows some friendly competitive camaraderie with Mayfield High School alumnus and Corner Deli owner Mark Stephens inside the deli in November, on the eve of the big rivalry game. The Bulldawgs were victorious Nov. 9, winning 36-13.

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White Sands Missile Range Commander John Ferrari escorts his daughter Jillian, 6, after being promoted to brigadier general in January. By summer, Ferrari would be promoted to a Pentagon position. Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham is now the commander at WSMR.



Florencio Flores, from Danza Azteca Nunutzi, performs in front of New Mexico State University's Corbett Center Student Union in March as part of the Fiestas Latinas activities.



Harlem Globetrotter Kenny Blenda Rodriguez teaches Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima how to balance a spinning basketball on his finger at City Hall in February. The Globetrotters played the Pan American Center Feb. 11.



Supporters fill the lobby of the historic Amador Hotel in January for a fundraiser. The adobe hotel is being restored through donations and volunteer efforts. Estimates for the cost of restoring the hotel are between \$7 million and \$11 million. Built by Martin Amador in 1866, the hotel also has been a jail, post office, bank and offices for Doña Ana County officials. The City of Las Cruces now owns the building and is allowing the nonprofit Amador Hotel Foundation to restore and develop the building into a visitor's center and restaurant.



NMSU astronomy graduate student Diane Feuillet watches a solar eclipse through protective glasses in May in the parking lot of Mesilla Valley Mall.

Longtime NMSU basketball coach Lou Henson and his wife, Mary, cut a birthday cake in center court marking his 80th birthday Jan. 28.



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This aerial shot over Spaceport America shows the nearly completed terminal hanger facility, now called the Gateway to Space, where Virgin Galactic plans to hold its main space tourism flights. Designed specifically for Virgin Galactic and Spaceport America, the building can hold two carrier aircraft and three spaceliners. The sloping roof is meant to blend in with the surroundings from the Camino Real historic trade route to the west of the complex. Whether Virgin Galactic actually begins flying out of Spaceport America may hinge on lawmakers extending liability protections to its manufacturers and suppliers.

Spaceport America photo



First spaceport construction phase finished

Stalled liability legislation worries leading company

By **Todd G. Dickson**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Designed by the renowned Foster + Partners firm to be Virgin Galactic's iconic home, the \$31 million terminal hanger facility is the centerpiece of Spaceport America.

Construction of the 110,152-square-foot building is completed and Virgin Galactic has renamed it the Gateway to Space, but the company's interior designers haven't yet started fitting out the inside in the lush tradition of Virgin's other facilities.

While testing progressed into a new phase for Virgin's space-liner after the company corrected some avionics and fine-tuned the performance of its rocket engines, legislation to expand liability protections has failed to pass the last two legislative sessions.

Virgin Galactic has protection in state law against lawsuits if something happens to one of its passengers. States competing for the new private space industry business – Florida, Virginia and Texas – have passed similar liability protections but also covered the suppliers and manufacturers for spaceflight operators such as Virgin Galactic. Colorado passed its more robust liability legislation on the very day in the last New Mexico Legislature that the bill died in committee under pressure from trial lawyers.

Also, California is in the process of passing full limited liability legislation for private space enterprises.

Virgin Galactic still wants to fly from the Gateway to Space at Spaceport America, so it has formed the Save Our Spaceport Coalition to put more pressure on lawmakers.

"We are going to look hard at what happens this session in terms of our future stance with the spaceport," Virgin Galactic President and CEO George Whitesides said at a November press conference launching the coalition. "The deal we signed up for was a bustling spaceport that had multiple tenants there. I have to tell you, the spaceport is losing opportunity to get new business."

The Save Our Spaceport Coalition includes the space industry, the aviation industry, state tourism and economic development groups, education organizations and legislative sponsors.

The proposed liability protection does not protect companies from lawsuits if a mishap is the result of negligence, nor does it keep people living on the ground from suing if they are harmed by falling debris or a crash.

New Mexico Spaceport Authority Executive Director Christine Anderson said several viable companies have chosen to locate operations elsewhere because New Mexico hasn't passed the expanded liability protection.

"I want to make this investment we've made pay off for the people of New Mexico," Anderson said. "And it costs nothing to pass."

More than 500 people have paid \$20,000 deposits to Virgin Galactic for flights into suborbital space. Richard Branson is expected to have invested between \$200 million and \$300 million of his own fortune to develop the spaceliner and company.

The bulk of Spaceport America's \$209 million construction budget has gone to building a nearly two-mile-long runway and the Gateway to Space.

In the first steps of the second phase of Spaceport America development, the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) has awarded contracts to manage the construction of the visitor experience facilities, runway extension, internal road re-alignment, the construction of the entrance facility and associated utilities extension. In September, the NMSA board approved the award of the runway modification contract to AS Horner, an Albuquerque-based company.

The NMSA board also approved a contract award to Ashbaugh Construction for the proposed site of the Sierra County Welcome Center.

Anderson said construction of the spaceport has so far created more than 1,000 jobs, but the more permanent jobs will come when the spaceport becomes fully operational.

Spaceport America also has traditional vertical launch facilities, which have been seeing an increase in activity due to the addition of Armadillo Aerospace's sounding rocket system being tested.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, Armadillo launched its STIG-B rocket from Spaceport America, which was the second licensed Federal Aviation Administration launch to take place from the vertical launch complex.

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Groups distribute Holiday food baskets

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Members of the Las Cruces Centauros load boxed food baskets for distribution Saturday, Dec. 22, at Cesar Chavez Elementary School, including Treasurer Cody Miller and Vice President David Mills.

The Centauros motorcycle club originated in Mexico and can now be found in southern Texas and New Mexico. Centauros is not an "outlaw" motorcycle group, but actually known for its community involvement, said Sergio "Spanky" Orona. The Las Cruces club was able to distribute more than 100 food baskets thanks to discount pricing from Lowe's Supermarket, he said.

Each basket had ham, rice, beans, canned vegetables, rolls, potatoes and a pie.



Johnny Ostos leads Robbie Phillips, 14, and his brother Christopher, 7, to the back of a pickup for Miller and Centauros President Lalo Trujillo to hand them a food basket.



Mrs. Las Cruces Diahn Nevarez, who was helping the Centauros, greets Sunrise Lions Bill Lawrence and Scott Yoder who also were distributing food to families.



Centauros members and Nevarez gather in the school front entrance for a group shot.

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Changes with legislative delegation

Garcia loses re-election, redistricting shuffles representation

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With retirements, redistricting and defeats, the delegation from southern New Mexico will be different from the one of recent years.

They will be heading to Santa Fe with less seniority in the Senate due to the Nov. 6 defeat of State Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia by more than 1,000 votes to Lee Cotter, a Republican who had unsuccessfully challenged her twice before.

Cotter won this time with the help of super PAC support from Gov. Susana Martinez, which helped give voice to campaign accusations that Garcia had improperly used her election funds for travel expenses related to legislative duties.

Also not returning is Hatch Independent Andy Nuñez, also a target of negative campaigning from a Martinez super PAC. However, Democrat Phillip Archuleta was victorious for District 36.

Another Democrat unseating an incumbent was Nate Cote, who regained the House District 53 office he lost to Republican Rick Little two years ago. Redistricting and political activism in Chaparral helped carry Cote back into office, as well as questions about Little's true residency status when he was first elected.

Heading to the Senate with legislative experience is state Rep. Joseph Cervantes, who successfully ran for the position previously held by fellow Democrat Cynthia Nava, who retired.

Garcia wasn't the only Democrat to fall to Martinez's effort to change Legislative



GARCIA



COTTER

have done nothing to be ashamed of."

Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Mesilla Park, made a bid to become the new Senate president pro tem, but a Democrat caucus meeting in Belen Dec. 9 decided to nominate Sen. Pete Campos of Las Vegas, N.M., for the leadership position.

Campos, who has been in the Senate for more than 20 years, defeated Papen, Linda Lopez of Albuquerque and Howie Morales of Silver City. The entire Senate elects its president pro tem when the Legislature convenes in January.

leadership. Senate Pro Tem Tim Jennings of Roswell was defeated, but Martinez was unable to unseat Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez of Valencia and Bernalillo counties.

Garcia said she will still advocate for historic preservation efforts and for putting limits on the kind of campaign spending that PACs have brought to elections.

"I never negative campaigned," Garcia said. "All I've ever talked about is what I think we should do for New Mexicans to have a better way of life. I'm proud of what I have accomplished and



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Senate Democrats also re-elected Sen. Michael Sanchez of Belen as Democratic floor leader. He was unopposed for the position.

Democrats elected Sen. Tim Keller of Albuquerque as whip and freshman Senator-elect Jacob Candelaria as caucus chairman. Current Caucus Chairman David Ulibarri lost his primary race.

The New Mexico House will have change in leadership, as well. House Speaker Ben Lujan, one of the most powerful and longest serving state legislators and father of U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, died Dec. 17 at age 77 after a long battle with lung cancer.

Lujan, a Democrat from Nambé, announced his battle with the illness and his planned retirement at the opening of the 2012 legislative session.

As speaker from 2001 to 2012, Lujan was known for his knowledge of legislative rules and procedures to steer bills through the House or keep measures stuck in committees.

Tie-breaker

One southern New Mexico race was so close – a tie count – that a recount had to be held. In the end, Rep. Terry McMillan, R-Las Cruces, will be returning to the Legislature with a narrow victory over Democratic challenger Joanne Ferrary.

The final count for House District 37 on Dec. 6 had McMillan winning with 6,267 votes to 6,259 for Ferrary.

Under state law, if the recount had ended in a tie, the winner would have been determined by a game of chance, such as a flip of a coin.

House District 37 boundaries changed significantly, as did many House districts in southern New Mexico with population growth seen in places such as Las Cruces, but no growth in the bootheel.

Martinez setbacks

Martinez's appointed Republican judges and district attorney all fell to Democratic challengers.

One of the most intensely watched races



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was for district attorney between Democrat Mark D'Antonio and Republican Amy Orlando, Martinez's hand-picked successor after she won election as governor. But D'Antonio, a former federal prosecutor now in private practice, won.

Other Democrats who enjoyed wins on election night included Marci Beyer, candidate for Third Judicial District judge, and Bill Soules, District 37 state senator candidate replacing Steve Fischmann.

Darren Kugler also won election as district judge. Bill McCamley won his race for District 33 state representative, formerly held by Joni Gutierrez, who didn't seek re-election to become the state Democratic Party's national chairwoman.

Others who claimed victories were Sen. Mary Kay Papen, Joseph Cervantes – now a state senator, Jeff Steinborn returning to the House and Doreen Gallegos, who beat Arlington Brewbaker for House District 52.

Steinborn unseated Antonio Lujan in the Democratic primary election in June. Also losing in the primary race was Doña Ana County Commissioner Scott

Krahling to fell to Commissioner Leticia Benavides, because re-districting put him out of District 4 and into her District 5 territory.

U.S. Senate stays blue

Democrat Martin Heinrich beat Republican Heather Wilson for the U.S. Senate seat left by retiring U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman.

In his farewell speech to Congress Dec. 13, Bingaman criticized the current state of politics.

"As I look back over the last 30 years, many of the arguments that have consumed our time here in the Senate, whether on questions of spending or taxes or regulation or fiscal policy, have divided between those who saw government as the problem and those who believed that it could and should be a constructive force for helping the American people deal with problems," Bingaman said. "I consider myself, furthermore, in the second camp – firmly in the second camp."

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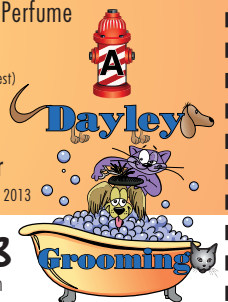


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Jim Hilley
Deflections

I hope that you enjoy my "Topping the charts" photo pictorial that begins on this page. It is always fun to look at what went right in the past year of athletics in Las Cruces. There were a lot of good times and good memories to choose from during the past year.

It is not so much fun, however, to think about what went wrong and what dreams weren't achieved over the past 12 months. Unfortunately, there are a lot of those to choose from, as well.

Rather than pointing out some of those disappointments, I think it's better to take a more philosophical approach.

I can think of a several local sports programs that have dedicated coaches, committed players and available talent to overcome adversity. Those programs need to keep working hard and keep believing in themselves.

I don't know about you, but I was raised to believe that hard work and dedication pays off, eventually.

Sometimes the payoff is not in winning games or championships. Sometimes it is in knowing that you did everything in your power to reach your goals. That's not a bad thing.

Disappointment can come in all different forms, of course. The farmers in our area can look up at the sky or read about the snow levels in the Rio Grande basin and find disappointment there. It's not their fault. There's nothing they can do about it.

Still, I bet not many of them will walk away from their farms. It's their life. It's what they do.

Whatever bad luck comes your way, whatever dreams seem to evaporate into thin air, tomorrow is always a new day.

This valley has always had an optimistic streak and a weakness for underdogs. That optimism has almost always proved correct and that weakness for underdogs has led to some incredible moments of redemption.

Who can forget the Miracle Midnets of 1967, the Mayfield Trojans of 2010 or New Mexico State nearly kicking Michigan State out of the NCAA tournament in Spokane, Wash., three years ago? Those teams never gave up on themselves, and never stopped believing that they could pull it off.

A new year starts next week. Its story is not yet written. Anything anybody tells you about it is just speculation because at this point nobody really knows where we go from here.

Those dreams that fell on the floor in 2012 are sitting there waiting for you to decide what to do next.

Pick them up. Dust them off and give them another chance.

And give yourself another chance, as well. You'd be surprised how many people believe in you, and make your dreams their own.

Topping the charts

Las Cruces' top 10 sports moments of 2012 revealed

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

No, there was no apocalypse, so the moment Las Cruces Bulletin readers have been waiting for all year is finally at hand.

Without further ado, (try using that word in a sentence) here are the Las Cruces Bulletin's top 10 sports selections of 2012. Enjoy!

No. 10 Letticia Martinez captures Las Cruces' hearts

In the April 13 issue of the Las Cruces Bulletin, readers were introduced to a special athlete at Las Cruces High School. Then junior Letticia Martinez, 17, a blind swimmer whose courage, tenacity and positive outlook earned her a place in Las Cruces' hearts, and on the U.S. swimming team at the Paralympic Games in London. "She came out for the team her freshman year and has improved tremendously," LCHS coach Terry Moore said. "She's learned the butterfly and that's a really good stroke for her. Her confidence has gotten so much better. She's amazing in so many ways."



No. 9 Daniel Mulling puts a triple-double on Hawai'i

Against the University of Hawai'i on Feb. 23, freshman guard Daniel Mullings scored 28 points, pulled down 12 rebounds, dished out 10 assists and stole the ball five times. Not bad for a guy who earned a starting role on the New Mexico State team less than two months earlier. Unfortunately, this photo is not from that game, but we don't mind running it again anyway.



No. 8 Wendell McKines graduates

What were you expecting? A thunderous dunk shaking the rafters of Pan American Center? A three-point shot that makes everybody groan before it swishes the net, or just another routine double-double from one of the greatest Aggies of all time? All of those accomplishments will be remembered by NMSU fans for a long time, but Big Wen walking down the aisle with a degree in hand still makes us at the Bulletin feel proud. Thanks for all you did, Wendell.

Aggies take down Bears at the Final home game of 2012

Photos by Steve MacIntyre

Aggie forward Bandja Sy drives around a Missouri State defender Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Pan American Center as New Mexico State University defeated the Bears 71-51.



Watson scores.



Aggie Pride Band member Craig St. Clair dressed up as Santa.



Improving freshman Sim Bhullar contributed a career-high 25 points during the Aggie victory.



Daniel Mullings dunks an alley-oop pass from Tyrone Watson as Missouri State defenders look on from below. The Aggies begin Western Athletic Conference play on the road at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, against Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La., and at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at UT-Arlington, in Arlington, Texas.



Aggie cheerleaders Stephanie Beauregard and Tiqua Speir donned Santa hats as the Aggies took on Missouri State.

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No. 7 Vaqueros win playoff series

The Las Cruces Vaqueros secured second place in the final Pecos League standings and earned a playoff series against the Roswell Invaders at Apodaca Park Aug. 2-3. The Vaqueros then advanced to the league championship by defeating the Invaders 8-5 and 7-5. In the championship series in Alpine, Texas, the Vaqueros came within one game of winning it all, but fell to the Cowboys in the final game 13-7.



No. 6 Aggie baseball appears in NCAA tourney

Perhaps the Aggies sweeping the Arizona Wildcats in Tucson, Ariz., on March 20-21 is a better memory, but props have to be given to the Aggies for making the NCAA tournament as a wild card pick in 2012. Even though the Aggie offense didn't seem to make the return trip to Tuscon for the tournament, the Aggies held their own against Louisville and Missouri, losing 2-3 and 2-6.



No. 5 New Mexico State volleyball wins WAC

It took a long time for coach Mike Jordan's team to gel in 2012, but when they did, it was at the right time. Going into the tournament as the No. 4 seed, few expected the Aggies to come out on top by beating No. 1 seed Utah State 3-0 and No. 2 seed Idaho 3-1. Though the Aggies fell 3-0 to BYU in Provo, Utah, in the NCAA tournament, the NMSU volleyball team still earned a place in our Top 10.

No. 4

Centennial Hawks land in the City of the Crosses

The Centennial Hawks were like a whole new team in 2012. In fact, they were like a whole bunch of new teams. The opening of Centennial High School brought Las Cruces its fourth public high school and plenty of exciting sports action to look forward to.



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No. 3

Austin Trout defeats Cotto in New York

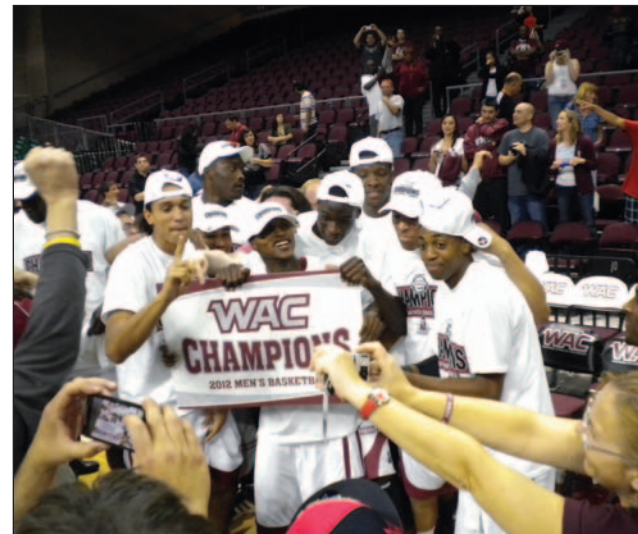
Miguel Cotto may have thought Madison Square Garden in New York City meant that he was home safe against Las Cruces' own Austin "No Doubt" Trout, but Cotto found out the hard way that there is some pretty good boxing going on along the Rio Grande. Who's next?

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No. 2 Aggies win WAC basketball tournament

For the second time in three years, the Aggies bring back the trophy. Let's do it again in 2013.



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Las Cruces Bulldawg Aeneas Reynold's expression says it all during the class 5A championship game against Sandia Friday, Dec. 7, in Albuquerque. Las Cruces defeated Sandia 35-28 to remind the folks up in the Duke City, once again, where the best high school football in the state is played. We can't wait till next year.

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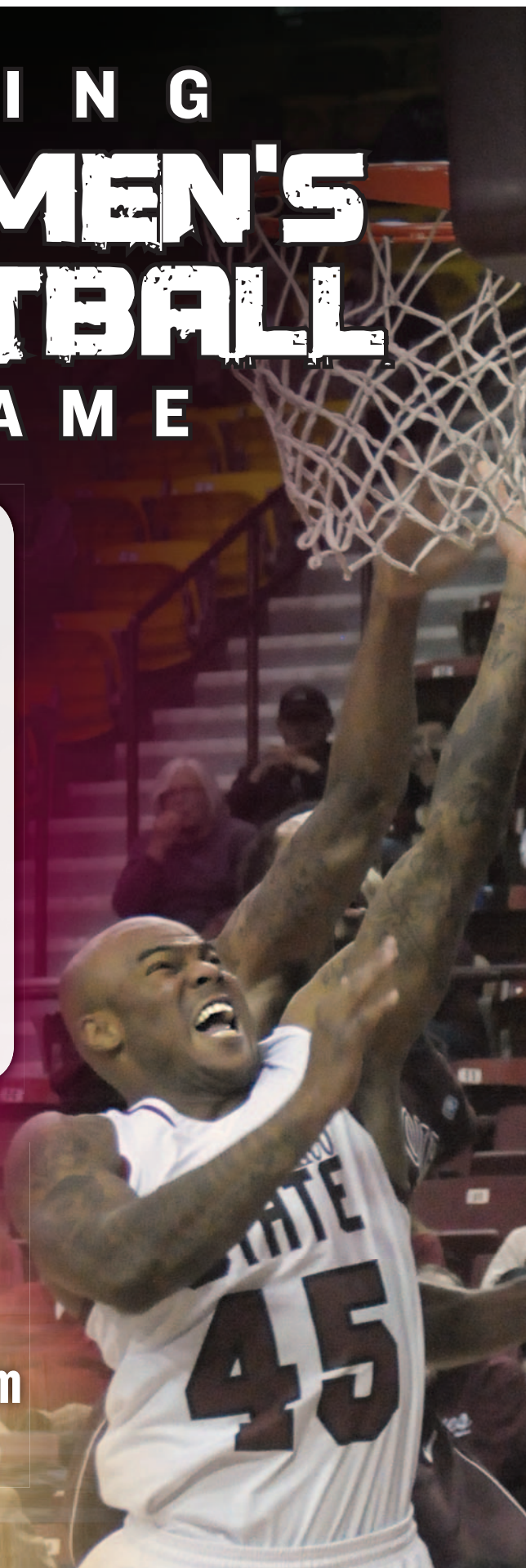
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After the tragedy

A message from a mental health professional



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

I am mourning, along with all of you, the snuffing of the lives of the children and adults in the Newtown, Conn., shooting massacre.

I have been thinking about this for more than two weeks, as I continue to watch coverage of the tragedy, the funerals, the investigative reports and the political commentaries.

I have come to consider it my obligation to share with you my thoughts and feelings, not as your Golf Doctor, but as a mental health professional who is licensed (as a clinical psychologist) to involuntarily commit a person, if need be, for specific reasons. I realize that many folks know me as a golf writer and golf guru, but I am really a professional psychologist, working exclusively in medical settings.

In the aftermath of the horrific taking of the lives of 20 children and eight adults (including the shooter and his mother), according to every official who has spoken out, the salient issues are the banning of assault rifles and the access to mental health treatment. Why these two topics should actually be of contention in the year 2012 is almost beyond my comprehension.

The assault weapons were invented, like the machine gun, to kill people quickly and by the number. Why else did the gun manufacturers invent them? Straw targets? I understand that sub-machine guns (along with the tripod machine guns the military uses) are illegal except for our armed services.

That doesn't bother the Mexican drug lords, who mount them on their trucks and American-made jeeps as they wind their way through the deserts of border-close Arizona to bring

drugs to a hungry and addicted American public. But why assault weapons in the hands of juveniles and the mentally ill? The folks on the Hill have a lot of questions to answer as they fight with the gun lobby.

But, back to the mental health equation. The folks on the Hill have a lot of explaining to do there, too. From the first moment I heard the CNN reports that a mass murder had taken place, without a shadow of doubt in my mind, I knew that the perpetrator was a mentally disturbed – no, a massively psychotically deranged – individual, no matter what the age of the shooter.

It turns out that the shooter was Adam Lanza, a mentally disconnected, apparently schizophrenic, 20-year-old young man, who had been psychologically troubled almost since infancy. He was home-schooled and kept at home by his mother, who reportedly amassed no fewer than six high-powered pistols and rifles in her home, and took her mentally ill son to the target range to “bond” with him.

So much for that misguided idea. He reportedly had a basement elaborately set up for him to play violent video games.

In our “free” society, people can stockpile huge amounts of guns and ammunition in their homes and apartments without a scant investigation as to why or what they have in mind. This is not what our founding fathers, the framers of the Constitution, had in mind. They pinpointed what they intended with

the Second Amendment to the Constitution granting citizens the right to bear arms, so that agents of a tyrannic government would not be able to overrun those citizens without having the ability to defend themselves.

As in most other of American freedoms, this one has gone awry. I say, most other, because freedom of speech now (mistakenly, I feel) protects video violence, violent and hate recordings that promote copkilling, defiling of the American flag and countless other atrocious public abominations.

Seventy years ago, it was hard enough to shut down the bright lights of Miami as German subs sunk 500 starkly silhouetted ships off our East Coast in the early years of World War II.

It's going to be impossible to shut down the darkness that shadows the minds of our young people, with electronic media and video impulses available at the touch of a finger.

In some ways, the tragedy in Newtown can be attributable to the failure of the mental health system as a whole in our nation. Our own Sen. Pete Domenici passed a law that was aimed at “parity” for mental health and medical treatment. But the bill became so watered down as to not fully solve the

“... the fact is that one out of 17 Americans are considered afflicted with a serious mental disorder.”

problem.

Mental illness in America, despite how far we have come in some parts of the system, continues to be regarded by the unknowing (I hate to use the terms ignorant and crude, but that may be true) American public as “crazy.”

In my work, doing individual inpatient assessments to establish mental competency, diagnoses and treatment plans, which have totaled more than 10,000 (that's right 10 thousand!) since I've been doing it, folks I interview often defensively chirp the words “I ain't crazy, Doc.” On rare occasions, I feel some are dangerous, but mostly they are not. People

seem to regard cancer or alcoholism or crack-heads or heart attacks as being more “normal” than mental illness. But the fact is that one out of 17 Americans are considered afflicted with a serious mental disorder – not counting Alzheimer's. Mental illness is not normal.

Why aren't the mentally ill put away, you may ask?

I'll tell you why. You owe it all to the millions (yes, millions) of greedy family members who put away “loved ones” in state psychiatric hospitals for the hundred years before President Lyndon Johnson signed the community mental health legislation in the late 1960s. The many permutations of that law, limiting placement in state mental wards, made it a lot harder for selfish, mean-spirited people to sign a simple piece of paper and lock up an eccentric but wealthy family member to collect the bounty.

The state hospitals were also bloody expensive, and taxpayers became reluctant to pay to house and treat those type of patients. Eventually, most state mental institutions were shut down. A typical example is the Ohio state hospital for the mentally impaired in Athens, Ohio, which sits (albeit vacant, except for an art gallery) on a lovely 300-acre tract of land, and was totally self-sufficient back in the day, to include a dairy farm, bakery, nurses and doctors quarters and heating plant. The stately old hospital stands adjacent to the Ohio University campus as a relic to the good intentions of the psychiatric and medical community to keep the mentally ill safe and keep them from hurting anyone, including themselves.

The Fort Bayard Medical Center campus is a somewhat downsized version of what I describe, south of Silver City, which was originally built in the 1920s as a veterans and tuberculosis center.

Subsequent to the closure of so many state hospitals arose hundreds of “community mental health” grant-funded agencies making up a system planned to supplant hospitals, whereby the mentally ill were allowed to live right in their own town and receive “treatment.” In some cases, it worked out; in other cases, it didn't.

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Sam Denmark

Sam Denmark is a 17-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School. He is on the Bulldawg football, basketball and track teams and plays linebacker/tight end, forward and is a middle distance runner, respectively. Denmark is first team All-District tight end/defensive end. This season he had 44 unassisted tackles, 54 assisted tackles, four tackles for loss, four quarterback sacks, one interception, two caused fumbles and two recovered fumbles. In the state championship game Denmark had eight tackles, one interception, five catches for 93 yards and one touchdown to help lead the Bulldawgs to their seventh state championship. Denmark is a hardworking, responsible young man. He leads by example and is loyal to his school and teammates. Denmark does whatever is needed to make the team successful and is an excellent student, with a 4.0 GPA. Denmark's interests outside of school and sports include playing the guitar and spending time with his family.

Jonathan Joy

Jonathan Joy is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. He is quarterback on the Bulldawg's football team and shortstop on the baseball team. Joy is first team All-District quarterback with 151 completions in 230 attempts for 2,872 yards and 27 touchdowns, 118 carries for 930 yards and seven touchdowns. Joy was the ultimate leader during the run for the state championship. Joy is the kind of leader any coach would want on their team. He is respectful and caring of his teammates and coaches. Joy is a devoted student with a 3.5 GPA. Outside of school and sports, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

Las Cruces High School

ATHLETE

of the WEEK

Kevin Aronis

Junior, Basketball

Junior guard Kevin Aronis tied his career high with 12 points against New Mexico, Wednesday Dec. 19. He sank a career-best four 3-pointers (4-of-5), and the Aggies made a season-high 10 3-pointers. Aronis leads the team with 12 3-point field goals this season.

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Tragedy

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They also operated neighborhood "group homes," but such small group facilities have become a more difficult treatment option as numerous citizens complained "not in my backyard."

Right now, it's virtually impossible to get a patient into a mental hospital, public or private, if they are not considered a danger to themselves or a danger to others. That means suicidal or homicidal. I have tried.

As an aside, Mesilla Valley Hospital has done exceptionally well in admitting geriatric patients regardless of their debilitating illness.

At the present time, the state of New Mexico continues to keep open its remaining state mental hospital, formerly known as Las Vegas Medical Center, and now euphemistically known as New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute, still in Las Vegas. In community mental health centers (and other venues), the patients are now called "consumers."

What a joke. They are patients; doctors call them patients; nurses call them patients; I call them patients; because they are patients. Lanza should have been a patient, but he certainly wasn't a consumer. Why doesn't your physician call you a consumer?

Duh. Somewhere, political correctness dogooders felt it their duty (or right) to rename everything that smacked of something wrong, unfair or amiss. Mental illness is amiss, and may be unfair to the individual. But so is cancer. Should we re-name cancer as "an unusual growth" and cancer patients "customers," or a mass murderer "an unfortunate victim of circumstance"?

Let's stop fooling ourselves. Mental illness is a monstrously serious affliction and they are not consumers and should be treated in a serious manner, as potentially dangerous, and not be dismissed as unfortunate victims. By the way, I must tell you that a number of years ago I was chief clinical director of the major local grant-funded community mental health agency in Las Cruces. Make no mistake - I don't speak as some neophyte to the "system" or its failures.

In the case of Lanza, we won't know for months to come what mistakes were made in his case, but one thing is abundantly clear. For his mother to take him to a shooting

range, and keep a half-dozen powerful weapons handy with a big stockpile of ammunition was an awful choice of "treatment" or "bonding." It was a mistake that proved fatal to her.

Investigative probing has concluded that the 20-year-old Lanza was a socially aberrant and psychologically chaotic individual, but I have seen no reports whereby he was taken to frequent therapeutic treatment for his mental illness. Moreover, I haven't noticed reports of treatment medication, which would have been a reasonable and best medical practice option for somebody that deranged. Often, caregivers, as well as patients, eschew antipsychotic medication, partly because of the side effects and partly because of the stigma, but it is usually a mistake.

Since Lanza's mother lived in an upscale home in an upscale neighborhood with an upscale lifestyle in an upscale part of Connecticut, I can only presume that she had the wherewithal and insurance to get the perpetrator of the tragedy mental health treatment. She may have chosen not to send him to treatment. Patients who need mental health treatment are often found to be wanting for mental health services, particularly those from lower economic strata.

If you wonder about how difficult and how expensive mental health treatment actually is, just ask your medical insurance company exactly what your coverage really is, including psychiatric and psychological assessment, treatment, choice of clinical provider, counseling and psych medication, how you would qualify, what your deductions and co-pay would be and how long it would last.

Why would I go there? I do a lot of "pro-bono" work in my line of work, because insurance companies, including Medicare and Medicaid, deny claims for legitimate behavioral health services, simply because they stonewall and create barriers to their policy holders and the providers who agree to care for them.

I guess we have a long way to go for "parity." Not to mention guns and schizophrenia.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Contact Blanchard at drblanchard@lascrucesbulletin.com.

A magical finish



Show Some Magic was the winner of the 50th running of the Riley Allison Futurity, Sunday, Dec. 23, at Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino.

Photo by Coady Photography

H I G H S C H O O L Sports Schedule

Centennial High School

Dec. 27-29.....Girls Basketball.....at Los Lunas High School Tournament.....TBA
Boys Basketball.....at Los Lunas High School Tournament.....TBA
Wednesday, Jan. 2.....Wrestling.....Oñate High School.....6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 4.....Girls Basketball.....Carlsbad High School.....7 p.m.
Jan. 4-5.....Wrestling.....at Carlsbad Wrestling Tournament. 4 p.m., 8 p.m.



Las Cruces High School

Dec. 27-29.....Girls Basketball.....Hoop-La Holiday Tournament.....TBA
Boys Basketball.....at Rio Rancho Tournament.....TBA
Dec. 28-29.....Wrestling.....at Silver Wrestling Tournament.....TBA
Friday, Jan. 4.....Boys Basketball.....at Hobbs High School.....TBA
Jan. 4-5.....Wrestling.....at Carlsbad Wrestling Tournament. 4 p.m., 8 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Dec. 27-29.....Girls Basketball.....at Hoop-La Holiday Tournament.....TBA
Jan. 4-5.....Wrestling.....at Carlsbad Wrestling Tournament. 4 p.m., 8 p.m.



Oñate High School

Dec. 27-29.....Boys Basketball.....at Riverside Basketball Tournament.....TBA
Dec. 27-29.....Girls Basketball.....at Hoop-La Holiday Tournament.....TBA
Wednesday Jan. 2.....Wrestling.....at Centennial High School.....6 p.m.
Jan. 4-5.....Wrestling.....at Carlsbad Wrestling Tournament. 4 p.m., 8 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Dec. 27-29.....Boys Basketball.....at Alamogordo VFW Tournament.....TBA
Girls Basketball.....at Gadsden High School Tournament.....TBA
Thursday, Jan. 3.....Boys Basketball.....at Silver High School.....3 p.m.



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A look at 2012

Aggie sports produced some great surprises and some not so wonderful



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

As this newspaper is published, there are three days left in the calendar year, so let's look back at the Aggies 2012.

Three teams earned NCAA postseason invitations, academics remained strong as more students earned "B" or better grades, but uncertainty also was a major part of the year.

At the beginning of 2012, men's basketball was in good shape, but no one was guaranteeing a postseason invite. A victory on New Year's Eve put the team's mark at 9-5 headed for Bakersfield, Calif. Marvin Menzies and his staff brought his team together through the first three months of the year, winning the WAC Tournament and a trip to Big Dance for the second time in three years for Menzies.

The women's hoops program did not fare as well, but as the year ends, Mark Trakh's program is clearly on better footing having won as many games this season as they did all of last.

Rocky Ward went back to the NCAA Baseball Tournament for the third time. The Aggies picked up a victory in the NCAA postseason as well. To win the WAC against the strong membership that included Fresno State, Nevada and Hawai'i, et al. was even more impressive.

The Aggies "coach

of champions" earned another title. Mike Jordan's volleyball team took a path not unlike Menzies in that they went from mediocre at the season's end to unstoppable in the WAC Tournament. Jordan went back to the drawing board at the 11th hour, moving personnel to different positions and rotating some off the bench, while giving others a spot on the pine. It's what coaching is all about and why you hire smart coaches who can turn leftovers into a main course meal.

Tennis, swimming, track and field and equestrian continued with solid competitive teams. Kathy Rodolph had injury and illness derail her plans to repeat as WAC title holders in softball but that happens sometimes. The golf programs got new coaches and they are putting the pieces together to move them back into the winners circle on a consistent basis.

The dissolution of the WAC football program has put the Aggies between the rock and a hard place. While the department's leadership continues to sell the school's assets in an effort to solidify the future of NM State sports, too many clouds obscure the horizon at this time. Faith can be a powerful thing, but giving to support that faith is what is needed now for NM State.

I had a great 2012, personally. To receive recognition for my work from my professional peers, the department and the wonderful Aggie fans made my 2012 one of the best; I hope 2013 is that way for you.



Aggies building a special relationship with city

This year's players are loyal, dedicated



Paul Weir
Men's Basketball Associate Head Coach

In light of the holiday season and in the spirit of fellowship, my intent in this column is to shed some light on your Aggie basketball team.

I am in the unique position of having a special relationship and affinity with the city of Las Cruces, New Mexico State University and also the 15 student athletes who represent our Aggies. Unfortunately, we are frequently reminded that these two entities don't have the type of interaction and relationship we all hope for.

The most frequent interaction we have is through community service and postgame activities for those who attend the games. For the rest, we rely on popular stories through common forms of communication such as newspaper, radio and so on. But through this somewhat vanilla process is a lost transparency where the people of Las Cruces and NM State cannot always connect with the student athletes representing them in competition.

For instance, did most of you know that almost the entire roster was in Las Cruces for Christmas? Because of our practice and game schedule, many of these players were not able to travel home to their families for the holidays.

Our team GPA this past fall semester fell just barely short of a 3.0 overall. Daniel Mullings has lost nearly 15 pounds continuing to play with his jaw wired shut and the obvious option of not having to play. Tyrone Watson has postponed potentially season-ending surgery to

continue to play through his senior season. Tshilidzi Nephawe played an additional two games with a cast knowing full well that surgery was inevitable for him.

For the first time since I arrived at NM State, we have a roster full of students who represent us off the floor in nothing short of an exemplary way. These are the type of young men who have a loyalty to Aggie Nation like no other, a value system you would admire and a sense of responsibility you would want in an Aggie.

I've been told I am maxed out at 500 words or I could go on with this collection of young men. And I am not saying all this to necessarily impress you but to instead let you know how uniquely special this group is.

They are the most unselfish, quality character, and amenable-to-coaching collection we have had in my time here (and for the few of you who know me, I do not embellish nor give compliments lightly).

On the flipside of this relationship is the city of Las Cruces and NM State. Having lived in Las Cruces for six years now, I have developed a relationship with the city that has now evolved into that of my home. I truly hope my house here is one that I will have with me for the rest of my life.

This past spring I was honored to be an MBA graduate of NM State, and the connections I built through that only drew me closer to this special university.

As I stated in the opening, my wish now is that NM State and Las Cruces can come to enjoy their Aggies and how they represent such a special place and university.

Upcoming

In Aggie Athletics

Saturday, Dec. 29

Men's Basketball

UT Arlington
Arlington, Texas
6 p.m.

Women's Basketball

UT Arlington
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 31

Men's Basketball

Louisiana Tech
Ruston, La.
6 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

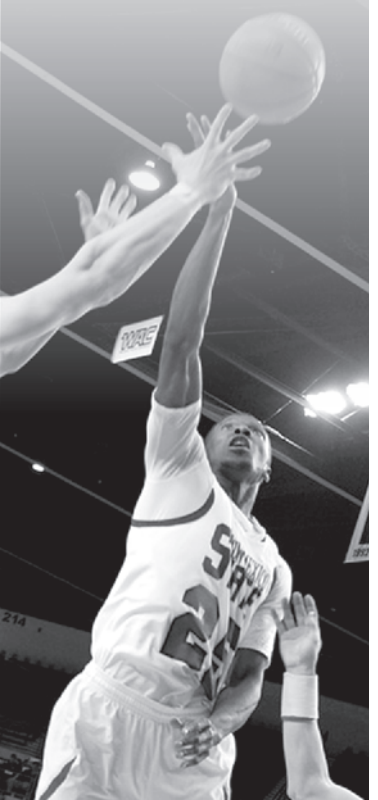
Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013

Women's Basketball

UTSA
San Antonio, Texas
6 p.m.

Men's Basketball

UTSA
Las Cruces
7 p.m.



Aggie student-athlete spotlight

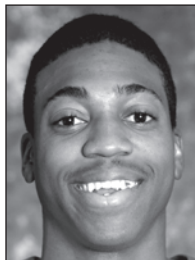


Stefanie Gilbreath

Redshirt Senior
Women's basketball

Redshirt senior guard Stefanie Gilbreath averages 12.6 points per game for the Aggies. She had a season-high five 3-pointers in the Aggies' 69-68 win over I-10 rival UTEP. She

also notched a career-high 22 points on the night with eight rebounds.



Daniel Mullings

Sophomore
Men's basketball

Sophomore guard Daniel Mullings scored a game-high 13 points against New Mexico, Dec. 19. He has seven double-figure games this year. He also recorded five rebounds and five

steals along with two blocked shots and a steal.



Sasha Weber

Freshman
Women's basketball

Freshman guard Sasha Weber has started five games this season. She has scored in the double digits three times this season. Weber collected 10 points

in the loss to New Mexico, Dec. 18, and she is averaging 8.6 points per game.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1912

• Deputy Eugene Moreno shot and killed Tomas Valdez near Berino after Valdez pulled a revolver and shot Moreno through the side as the officer was attempting to arrest him for stealing horses. Moreno was brought to Las Cruces on the morning train to recover at his home. Barring complications, Moreno's condition was not considered life threatening.

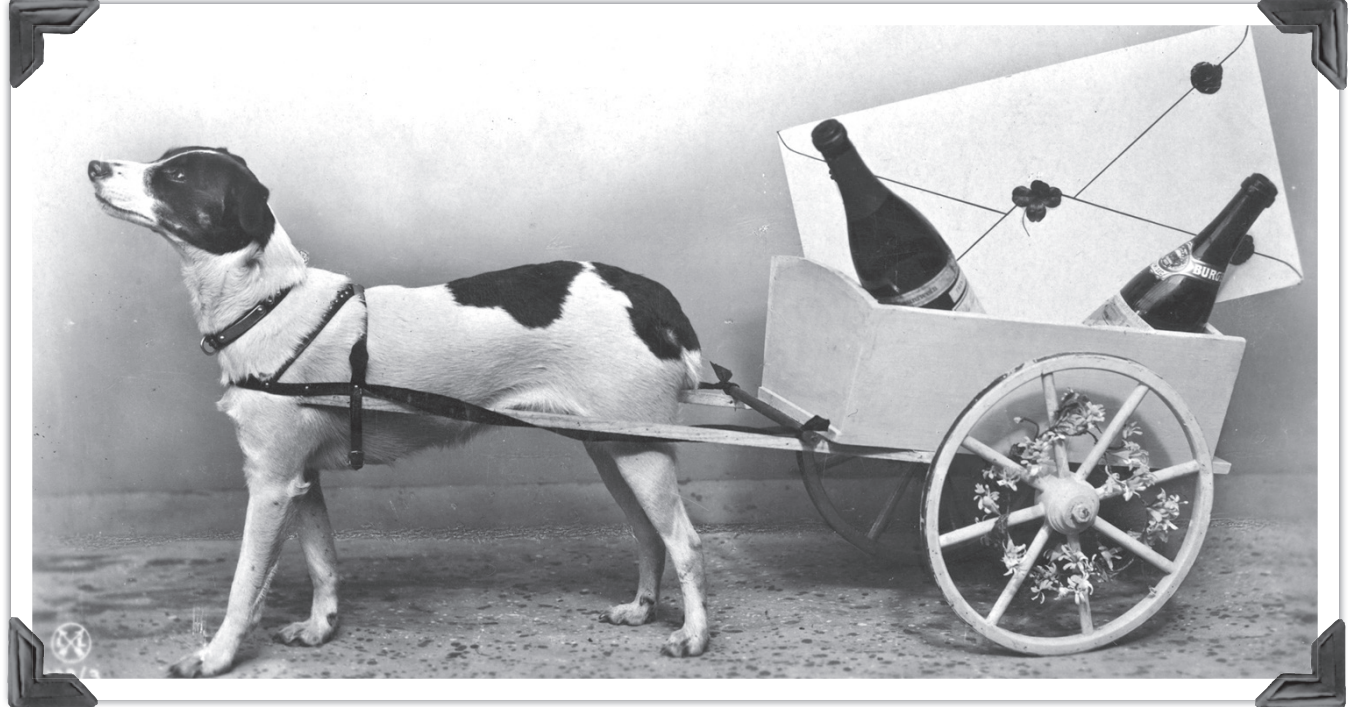
• Professor W.H. Sloan bought a parcel of more than eight acres near the Taylor farm northwest of Las Cruces. The property included a house, fruit trees and a vineyard. Sloan was expecting the arrival of his family from Mexico City in the spring.

75 years ago

1937

• The Rod Mason Gin at Mesilla was completely destroyed by fire on Dec. 22 with an estimated loss of \$22,000-25,000. Most of the cotton had already been hauled away, so the loss could have been worse. The cause of the fire was undetermined, but a rumor was spreading that a hitchhiker came to Mesilla Park and demanded to be put in jail. When a constable refused his request, the man threatened to "do something that would put him in jail."

• A new state law required that anyone driving a vehicle in New Mexico would be required to carry a license, which would have



This postcard preserved in the Amador Family Papers was sent to Clotilde Amador by Antonio Terrazas in 1908. Happy New Year.

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information about the age, birth place, sex and complexion of the license holder. Despite the fact that officials estimated there were about 6,000 drivers in Doña Ana County, only 690 passenger car and truck licenses had been issued in the county as of Dec. 28.

50 years ago

1962

• The Las Cruces Bulldogs defeated Artesia 54-51 behind 12 points for Phil Vargas.

• The New Mexico State University Aggies edged the Idaho State Bengals 68-66 in a dramatic finish. After the Aggies tied the score 66-66 with 40 seconds to go, Bengals coach

Johnny Evans was called for a technical foul for walking past the half court line. Evans and referee Phil Kubles engaged in a shouting match before Dave Brown sank two free throws for the Aggies, sealing the win for NMSU.

• City Commissioner Herculano Ferralez announced his candidacy for reelection in District 5.

25 years ago

1987

• After a seven-year water war, New Mexico State Engineer Steve Reynolds denied all of El Paso's 287 applications to drill wells in

New Mexico. Reynolds said that it was "only a question of state law," and not of interstate commerce, citing a U.S. Supreme Court case and a ruling by Judge Howard Bratton. Reynolds, who had been state engineer since 1955, said of the water fight "I am pleased it is off my desk for a while."

• County commissioners were asked to come up with an additional \$172,000 to cover costs of operating the remaining landfills in the county. Commissioners had hoped that landfill operations would become self funding by charging fees and closing some landfills. Landfills at Butterfield and Mesilla were scheduled to close in January, and the Mesquite landfill was set to become the only landfill to accept liquid wastes in the southern part of the county.

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The next available class is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, at Golden Mesa Retirement Village, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

For more information, visit www.aarp.org or call 505-830-3096.

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Zumba Gold modifies Zumba moves and pacing to suit the needs of active older participants. It's a dance-fitness class that feels friendly and, most of all, fun. Classes are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

AEROBICS

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activity. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and a ball are offered for resistance; a chair is used for seated and/or standing support. Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Meerschiedt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

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The core muscle group is often referred to as your "trunk" and involves all of the muscles surrounding the trunk. A weak core can contribute to lower back pain, poor posture and loss of balance. Basic classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Intermediate classes are from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

ENHANCE FITNESS

Enhance fitness class is from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Madrid St., in the auditorium. The class focuses on stretching, flexibility, balance, low impact aerobics and strength training exercises. The class requires pre-registration and is available only to seniors age 60 and older. The instructor is Lisa Ortega. A \$1 donation is suggested.

TAI CHI-BALANCE FOR BETTER HEALTH

Tai Chi-Balance for Better Health class is from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Madrid St., in the auditorium. Tai Chi-Balance for Better Health was developed by Dr. Fuzhong Li of the Oregon Research Institute. The drop-in class is available only to seniors age 60 and older. The instructor is Jason Shoberg. A

\$1 donation is suggested.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AQUATIC PROGRAM

Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program class is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. This drop-in program was developed for people with arthritis according to the guidelines and procedures set forth by the Arthritis Foundation. The class is available only to seniors age 60 and older. A \$1 donation is suggested.

THE NETWORK VOLUNTEER CENTER

The Network Volunteer Center connects individuals 18 or older to volunteer positions at more than 25 Las Cruces agencies and organizations. Individuals 55 or older may be enrolled in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and receive free, supplemental volunteer insurance while on the job. For more information, contact 528-3035 or thenetwork@las-cruces.org.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Judy at 373-9309, Ann at 522-7240 or Bev at 523-6106.

50+ SINGLES BREAKFAST CLUB

The 50+ Singles Saturday Morning Club meets at 9 a.m. the first and third Saturday of the month at Furr's Family Dining, 2340 E. Griggs Ave. Cost of the breakfast buffet is \$6.69. The club is intended as a way for singles age 50 and older to meet new people.

BINGO TWICE A WEEK AT LEGION POST 10

American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave., hosts bingo on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Doors open at 3 p.m., and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Overall blackout pays \$1,000. Food and sodas are available.

For more information, call Chaplain Lawrence Orvis at 526-9139.

GOING SOLO SINGLES

Single seniors; join Going Solo Seniors. The group is a way for seniors to meet new friends and stay active. Activities include dining out, potlucks, game nights and day trips.

For more information, call Judy at 522-6543, Judy at 527-2723 or Rosalie at 527-4891.

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for men ages 50 and older is held

the last Wednesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is from 8 to 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

For more information, call 541-2550.

WOMEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for women ages 50 and older is held the first Monday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is at 8 a.m. and play begins from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

For more information, call 541-2550.

HEALTH & BENEFITS INFORMATION, COUNSELING

Resource Center staff provides a free information and referral service to those ages 50 and older on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, housing, food stamps and more at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 528-3301.

BINGO MONTHLY AT SAGECREST NURSING CENTER

Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 2029 Sagecrest Court, is offering bingo from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Seniors must present their Senior Programs ID cards.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Each month a selected artist displays his or her work at City Hall. A ceremony with the mayor is at 12:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month to recognize that month's artist. For more information, call 528-3000.

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Tombaugh's keen eye on Mars

Lowell's canals debunked



By **Michael Shinabery**
New Mexico Museum of Space History

None other than "noted New Mexico astronomer" Clyde Tombaugh, The Associated Press reported on Dec. 30, 1965, saw the controversial Mars phenomenon.

"I know there are others who say they can't see canals on Mars," the story published in the Alamogordo Daily News said. "But I'd like to see them have their eyes tested."

Tombaugh said he'd reached his conclusion from Mariner IV photographs. Launched on Nov. 28, 1964, the deep space probe passed and photographed Mars on July 14-15, 1965. Mariner IV confirmed the planet had a cratered surface, something Tombaugh had long suspected, said Mike Smith, a retired registrar at the New Mexico Museum of Space History.

"He was the first professional I knew of that said the markings you see are craters, and sure enough that was what Mariner IV showed," Smith said. The two were friends from 1963 until Tombaugh's death in 1997.

Tombaugh made his pronouncement in December 1965 before speaking to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Berkeley, Calif. But Martians hadn't constructed the canals, he said; instead, they were natural "faults or fractures in the planet's crust."

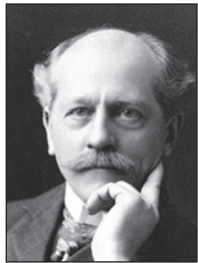
Percival Lowell, who built the Lowell Observatory in Arizona in 1894, believed otherwise, and enthusiastically trumpeted his theories in the press.

"Lowell had observed the Martian canals and claimed to have confirmed the phenomenon of gemination (doubled or paired canals, possibly parallel to each other)," said "The Book of Mars" (NASA/1968). "As the years went by he reported more and more canals, and his maps of Mars were essentially networks of canals."

Lowell believed such canals were constructed to move the water that would "irrigate" and support Martian life, he said in his 1895 book "Mars."

Lowell had skeptics, of course, and "to deal with such skepticism, Lowell asked two of his assistants, Vesto Slipher and Carl Lampland to take photographs of Mars," the website umich.edu said. "However, photographing the surface of Mars wasn't easy. The films at the time were not very fast. Atmospheric distortions cause the image of Mars to move slightly and, without fast film, you are likely to get a blurry image."

The observatory did have an impressive 24-inch refractor telescope, what Smith described "as one of the biggest in the world at the time."



LOWELL

While the photographs did show "surface detail," the quality was insufficient to publish in newspapers, the website said. Nevertheless, Lowell "believed the pictures proved the canals were real."

The May 28, 1950, New York Times reported: "A telegram was received at the Harvard Observatory tonight from Prof. Percival Lowell, Director of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., stating that the canals of Mars have been photographed there for the first time."

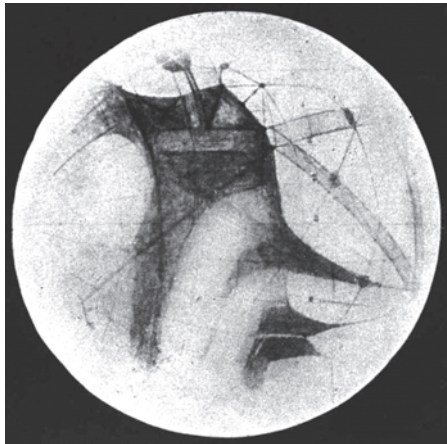
As proof that intelligent creatures built them, Lowell pointed out in "Mars" that "the lines appear either absolutely straight from one end to the other, or curved in an equally uniform manner. There is nothing haphazard in the look of any of them," he wrote. "Their most instantly conspicuous characteristic is this hopeless lack of happy irregularity. They are, each and all, direct to a degree."

In addition, according to Lowell, the "lines" that he deduced as canals were "as fine as they are straight." He judged them to be "about 30 miles wide" and "of comparable width" to each other, no matter their location on the planet.

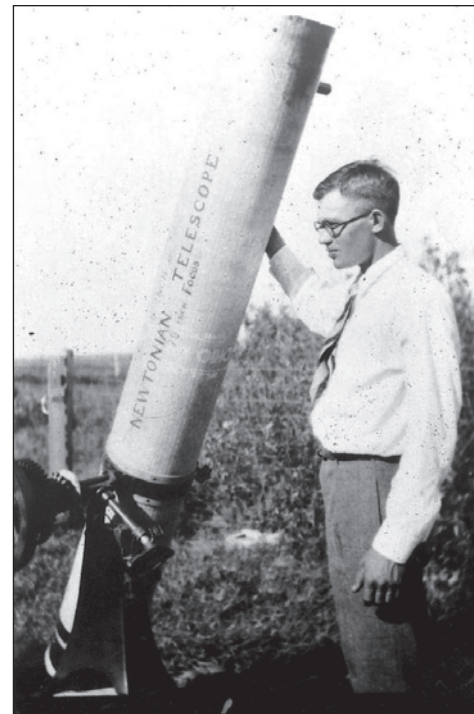
He further asserted: "If lines be drawn haphazard over the surface of a globe, the chances are every so many to one against more than two lines crossing each other at any point. If the lines were true lines, without breadth, the chances against such a coincidence would be infinite, that is, it would never happen."

Percival Lowell died in 1916, his belief never wavering.

"Mars, to all appearance, is so badly off (for water) that inhabitants of that other world would have to irrigate to live," he wrote in "Mars." "As to the actual presence there of such folk, the broad physical characteristics of the planet express no opinion beyond the silence of consent



This is one of Percival Lowell's drawings of the canals that he claimed to have seen on Mars.



Clyde Tombaugh displays one of the early telescopes he used to observe the Solar System.

New Mexico Museum of Space History Archive photos

but they have something very vital to say about the conditions under which alone their life could be led.

"They show that these conditions must be such that in the Martian mind there would be one question perpetually paramount to all the local labor, woman's suffrage and Western questions put together – the water question. How to procure water enough to support life would be the great communal problem of the day."

Tombaugh's first association with the Lowell Observatory was in 1929. He was in his early 20s when he mailed "meticulous sketches" that he'd drawn of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars, to astronomers there, Mark Littman wrote in "Planets Beyond: Discovering the Outer Solar System" (Wiley Science Editions/1988). Tombaugh made the drawings after viewing through telescopes his family had built from discarded farm machinery; he himself ground the mirror from a ship's porthole glass.

Tombaugh only hoped that he'd get back a professional appraisal. Instead, Slipher offered him a job searching for Planet X. Lowell had postulated in the late 1800s that a ninth planet existed in the solar system. In that, he was correct.

On Feb. 18, 1930, after 7,000 hours of photographing on glass plates, an undated document in the New Mexico Museum of Space History Archives said "Tombaugh found a 'star' in the constellation Gemini" that moved, showing the position had changed. It was Pluto.

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The Las Cruces High School Modernaires, under the direction of Geri Brink and Robert Randall, perform Thursday, Dec. 20, in the lobby of Citizens Bank, 505 S. Main St. The performance, sponsored by Citizens Bank, was one of several which took place during the holiday season, each featuring a different school choir group.



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Deaths in 2012

Notable members of the community who died in 2012 included:

Erik Leroy Ness, 57, native New Mexico newsman, died May 12.

He was born and raised in Alamogordo. His memory of seeing the Wonderful World of Disney in color on television also sparked an interest in radio and television broadcasting. He attended the University of New Mexico but later transferred to New Mexico State University.

At NMSU he was part of the film program. While attending NMSU, he worked as operations manager for radio station KGRT and was one of the founders of campus radio station, KNMS, "Ozone Ranger Radio." He also served as a news stringer for Albuquerque news stations, KOB, KOAT, and KGGM and was a southern New Mexico correspondent for 50,000 watt KKOB radio. Outside of journalism Ness worked on over 100 political campaigns and held the position of press secretary for the New Mexico attorney general.

After graduating from NMSU he worked as news director for KDQQ and KKOB radio as news reporter and anchorman. In 1981 he went to work for New Mexico Farm Bureau as their director of communications and media relations, where he was twice recognized as the nation's most effective agriculture public relations spokesman as well as the recipient of numerous national awards for broadcast commentary, broadcast features and broadcast news productions. In addition, he received many awards for his print media writing skills and unusual "wordsmithing."

Ness also worked for the American Farm Bureau Federation as a national broadcast commentator on the radio show "Insight!"



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Many of Ness' commentaries were used by Paul Harvey on his ABC broadcast. He served as president of New Mexico Press Club and the Advertising Federation of Southern New Mexico. He also served as a board member of Cowboys for Cancer Research. He retired from the New Mexico Farm Bureau in 2010, but continued to write columns for the National Farm Bureau in addition to doing media consulting for the Elephant Butte Irrigation District.

Ness was an award-winning song writer, music producer and recording artist. He worked with many of the nation's leading songwriters and bands in the Southwest and Nashville. He was the winner of the American Collegiate Talent Search (ACTS) which was judged by singer/songwriter Michael Martin Murphey. At that time, he and Murphey became close friends, collaborators, conspirators and calculators in the world of cowboy and country music. He was able to travel with Murphey all over the country and experience all sides of music and show business world. Ness and Murphey just finished their latest song together, "Law and Order on the Border."

Lara Geraldine "Gerry" George Sells, 87, died Feb. 19, in Las Cruces at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice Center.

Sells moved to Arrey, N.M., as a child, and attended high school in Truth or Consequences. During eighth grade, she met and fell in love with Homer Sells. Three years later, in December 1942, when she was just shy of 18, she married Homer, 24, while he was on a short Christmas furlough from the Army.

In 1948, the couple moved to Brazito, N.M., where they farmed and integrated into the



SELLS

community, living there for many years, making countless close and lasting friends.

In 1958, Sells went to work at KOBE Radio Station selling advertising and writing radio spots for local area businesses.

After leaving KOBE in 1965, Sells began her final professional move by taking a job with Stryker Realty, as an office administrator. During this time she caught the bug to sell real estate. In 1972, she joined Monarch Real Estate, then owned by Stanley Miller. At Miller's retirement, she and her friend, Martha Price, purchased Monarch. In 2007, she added her granddaughter, Shannon, as a new Realtor to Monarch. After Price's retirement in 2010, her grandson, Chad, bought into the business, making Monarch a true family business.

During her tenure in the real estate business, Sells served more than 25 years on the State Professional Standards Grievance Committee. She was a member of the State Professional Standards Committee and the State Realtors Mediation Board. In 1993 the Realtors Association of New Mexico awarded her the Role Model Award. Locally, she served on the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, holding positions as treasurer, secretary, president and director (five terms). She was awarded local Realtor of the Year in 1987, Affiliates Choice in 1992 and 2010, and Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010.

Thomas Cooper died Oct. 17.

Cooper was raised on a ranch northeast of Roswell, N.M., and was a graduate of Roswell High School's Class of 1958. He later graduated from NMSU, after which he began his life-long career in public accounting.

In 1976, he purchased the first of several ranches that would become Cooper Cattle Co. He loved the cattle business – the cattle, the horses, and being outdoors in God's country – almost as much as he loved his children.

Cooper was a leader in issues regarding private property rights and public lands issues, constitutional policymaking and private enterprise. He served as an officer in Las Cruces Tea Party, chaired People for Preserving our



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Western Heritage, and also served on the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee.

As an accountant and businessman, he was devoted to his clients, who have often spoken of him as the most honest, knowledgeable and clear thinking individual with whom they had ever worked.

Cooper was a member of Mission Lutheran Church. He was survived by his wife, Carol Cooper of Las Cruces and his three daughters, Marla Cooper of Las Cruces, Carla Bell and husband Michel of Midland, Texas, and Carrie Cooper of Hobbs, N.M.

Former Aggie men's basketball head coach **Weldon Drew** was killed in a car accident outside of Stillwater, Okla. Nov. 23.

Drew came to Las Cruces in 1976 as the lead assistant for Ken Hayes. He was a legend in the Houston, winning big at Kashmere High School year after year.

His role initially was to recruit top talent to Las Cruces. Hayes' first recruiting class was a bumper crop, thanks in part to Drew. The team eventually made it to the NCAA's Big Dance in 1979, and the next year, Drew was promoted to the head coaching job and was the Aggies' first black head coach.

Drew was the Aggie head coach for six years, winning 17 games twice and 18 once.

Michael A. Dow, 60, of Las Cruces and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Oct. 14, after a battle with liver disease.

Dow was a former owner of The Cut Above Hair Salon and also was director for the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces for almost 10 years.

Michael Paul Frieze, 61, of Las Cruces, died Aug. 10. He was a veteran of the United States Marines where he served our country honorably and was a drug and alcohol counselor. He enjoyed the outdoors, sports and martial arts at which he was a Kwan Jang Nim (grand master) in Hapkido with a sixth-degree black belt.

Dorothy Thomas, 77, died Nov. 28, at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces. Thomas was raised in Prescott, Ariz., and taught elementary school in Nebraska, Kansas and Alamogordo, where she settled and raised her family. She moved to Las Cruces in 1980 and joined the campaign of Joe Skeen and served as his district director for the Las Cruces area during his 11 terms in Congress.

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Deaths in 2012

Rare illness takes Evans

Many mourned death of public servant

A sudden onset of a rare and aggressive leukemia took the life of D. Kent Evans, 72, a former county commissioner and longtime spaceport supporter who was active in many community efforts.

Evans died May 28 at his home in Las Cruces, where he and his wife, Anna Mae, raised three children and often spent time with their seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The couple met in Florida, where Evans earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Miami at Coral Gables.

Evans began his career as a social worker, during which he opened three health care centers in Brevard County, Fla. Evans later went to work for companies such as McDonnell-Douglas, North American Rockwell and Lockheed at Cape Canaveral, Fla., during the early development of the Space Program.

As the liaison between the contractors and astronauts, Evans was given the Silver Snoopy award, a special honor selected by astronauts to acknowledge "professionalism, dedication and outstanding support that greatly enhanced space flight safety and mission success."

The couple moved to Las Cruces in 1975 and Evans worked three years for Lockheed at NASA's White Sands Test Facility. Evans then worked in human resources for 20 years at New Mexico State University's Physical Science Laboratory.

After his retirement, Evans ran for Doña Ana County Commission's District 4, which he represented for two terms, including serving as chairman.

During his time on the commission, Evans advocated for improving the mental health and medical services of Doña Ana County, which included helping the county start its health collaborative.

After term limitations kept him from staying on the commission, Evans unsuccessfully ran for state representative and the Public Regulation Commission. Evans was appointed to the New Mexico Spaceport Authority under Gov. Bill Richardson.

Before his illness, Evans was preparing to be the Republican candidate for County Commission District 5. Evans said he just wanted to serve the county again.

Evans was also a founding charter member of the Las Cruces Civitan Club, which is seeking nominations for the Kent Evans Citizenship Award. In keeping with Evans' devotion to community service, the award will be given annually to an individual who has earned this recognition through significant civic and community service and activities.

To learn more or to download a nomination form, visit www.lascruces.civitan.net. Las Cruces Civitan meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Los Compas restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive.



EVANS

Irma Tessneer remembered

Longtime marriage blended two cultures

When Irma Maria Magdalena Tessneer, 86, died Feb. 22, it struck home to the Las Cruces Bulletin family, as well as many in the community. She was the longtime wife of Bulletin reporter Marvin Tessneer, whom she met in Mexico and married in 1955.

She was born to Lic. Belisario Becerra Rovirossa and Josefina Martinez Becerra on July 22, 1925, in Mexico City, D.F.

She studied law at The National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City. She also studied piano at Conservatorio Ordonez Ochoa and Conservatorio Nacional de Música, both in Mexico City. Her piano instructors were students of Franz Liszt, Manuel M. Ponce and Claudio Arrau. She frequented the operas at El Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City.

She began her career, in 1955, as an English teacher for first and second grade at Franco/Ingles Private School in Mexico City. After she married, the couple moved to Wisconsin.

In 1959, she was a Spanish teacher at the School of Vocational and Adult Education in Monroe, Wisc., where her two children were born. After the family moved to Las Cruces, she was a Spanish instructor for Peace Corps, Columbia Project at New Mexico State University in 1966. That same year, she was an on-call Court House Interpreter. Later she



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taught Spanish I and Spanish II at The Sisters of the Good Sheppard Madonna High School in Mesilla Park during the 1967-68 academic year. From 1969 to 1970 she was a substitute Spanish teacher for Las Cruces Public Schools.

In 1970, she was a secretary for the Migrant Project. In 1971, she started a long career with Las Cruces Public Schools, first as a translator with the Bilingual Education Project. She was with Las Cruces Public Schools as a translator and teacher for 22 years at Booker T. Washington Elementary School.

In 1988, she started teaching Spanish at Doña Ana Branch Community College. She was inducted into the Adult Basic Education Hall of Fame on September 16, 1995.

She loved to spend time playing the piano, sewing, crocheting, knitting, reading, but the one thing she loved the most was spending time with her family. She was a Troop Leader for the Brownies and a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts when her children were involved.

She was survived by her husband Marvin Tessneer, her two children, Kevin Tessneer of Albuquerque, and Deborah Reece of Las Cruces; two grandchildren, Joshua Reece and Natasha Tessneer of Las Cruces; and two great grandchildren, Rhianna Reece and Israel Reece, also of Las Cruces.

Neighbors We've Lost

OBITUARY

GLORIA S. QUIMBEY

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Gloria S. Quimbey, 76, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. She was born June 16, 1936 in El Paso, Texas to Arturo and Neponucena "Chena" Gomez Garcia. Mrs. Quimbey was a teacher's aide and a communicant at St. Albert the Great Newman Center.



sisters, Margarita Grijalva, Marta Garcia and Bertha Minjares all of El Paso, Texas. Other survivors include eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Abelardo Garcia and sister, Martha Garcia.

At Mrs. Quimbey's request cremation will take place and private family services were held at her home on Saturday.

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DEATH NOTICES

VILLEGAS

Jesse Villegas, 57, of Hatch, New Mexico, passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

CHAVEZ

Mary T. Chavez, 76, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on December 20, 2012. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

DIMSHA

Albert S. Dimsha 90, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Sunday December 23, 2012 at Mesilla Valley Hospice La Posada. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory. 575-526-2419

SAVAGE

Brenda Lynn Savage, 54, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on Friday, December 21, 2012. Brenda was born April 24, 1958 in Las Cruces to Harvey and Delia I. Savage, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Charles Donald Mitchell, Jr.; two daughters, Crystal Schroder and April Carter, as well as her parents and extended family members.

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Uncertainties creep in when thinking ahead



Alta LeCompte
Around the valley

Something woke me at 3:30 this morning. Perhaps it was the black bean supper I ate late last night. Or it may have been the rapidly sinking indoor temperature I couldn't help noticing as I wrapped the blanket tighter around my shoulder.

More likely the disturbance started deep inside, with racing thoughts that were working overtime to make sense of the present and prepare for the future.

Those thoughts zoomed past the really troubling stuff – violence that kills the innocent, paralysis in federal government, New Mexico's income disparity and educational challenges.

My mind, supposedly asleep, was merely wrestling with the question: What is the state of the Las Cruces economy and what will the year ahead bring for local business?

Two factors contribute to my uncertainty. For one thing, I haven't talked with enough people to get a reliable feel for the subject. For another, the optimism level of those who weighed in varies greatly.

Steve Chavira, managing director of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, focuses on the reasonably short term, and his view isn't especially cheery. Christine Logan, the city's economic development director and a skilled data miner, takes a longer view – and it's far rosier.

"New home sales are not back to the 2010 level and won't be for quite some time," Chavira said.

A healthy level would be 700, he said.

In 2010, 530 new homes sold. The 2011 total was 384. Chavira expected 2012 to close with a similar, perhaps a hair lower, total.

To put those figures in perspective, he said the housing boom peaked in 2006 with the sale of 1,141 homes.

Commercial property sales totals look better than residential, he said, but are skewed by construction of a Walmart, Valero on Lohman Avenue and a Pic Quik.

Chavira added most people think residential sales are a better indicator of Las Cruces' economic health than commercial sales.

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Business makes news in 2012

Downtown looks ahead to mixed-use re-development

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Driving his red '69 Camaro with Mayor Ken Miyagishima riding shotgun, Mike White of White's Music Box led a motorcade up Downtown Main Street Saturday, Nov. 17.

White's ride marked the end of the Downtown Mall and reopening of the street, and symbolized the optimism of local merchants for the rebirth of Downtown.

A multi-million dollar road reconstruction completed late in the year made possible the return of cars to Main Street after an absence of 43 years.

Just weeks before, on Nov. 2, the city celebrated the opening of the \$5 million Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St.

Businesses are returning now, and the New America School has moved into a remodeled, long-vacant furniture store. The school teaches high school classes during the day and offers night classes for adult family members to improve their English.

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, run by the city in recent years, incorporated as a nonprofit organization Oct. 25. Its new board currently is conferring with the city on taking over management of the market.

Earlier this year, the city announced the formation of Las Cruces Community Partners, the private portion of a private-public partnership that aims to redevelop Downtown by creating mixed-use buildings that will attract residents, as well as diners, shoppers and workers, to the heart of Las Cruces.

The partners – a group of investors working with consultants – promise the public a series



Steve Newby greets Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Mike White of White's Music Box during the parade Saturday, Nov. 17, celebrating the reopening of Downtown Main Street to vehicle traffic.

of design charettes early in 2013 to explore the possibilities.

Year at a glance

Other standout events of 2012 that could have a ripple effect on the Las Cruces economy include:

- Construction of a third Walmart and other retail outlets at the intersection of Northrise and Rinconada boulevards on the booming East Mesa
- Sale of two commercial properties: Las Cruces'

tallest building, formerly owned by Wells Fargo, and the Las Cruces Country Club

- The continuing success of renewable-energy businesses
- Growth on the border
- A building spurt in the education industry
- Restaurant openings and closings

Also noteworthy this year was a series of honors that shone the national spotlight on both the assets and the diversity that contribute to the quality of life in the Mesilla Valley.

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Bi-national economic initiative

Carruthers, Hutchinson among group leaders

Bulletin Staff Report

Business leaders from Las Cruces, El Paso and Ciudad Juárez met last week in El Paso to hear plans for the Borderplex Bi-National Economic Alliance, a new regionwide economic development organization.

The alliance will include two groups that are merging, El Paso's Regional Economic Development Corporation (REDCo) and Paso del Norte Group (PdN Group).

Borderplex Bi-National Economic Alliance will play a role throughout the entire region.

Garrey Carruthers, dean of the New Mexico University College of Business and a member of the alliance steering committee, said after the meeting that the group is composed of private sector participants.

"For development to be successful it must in large part, in

my mind, be driven by the private sector," said Carruthers, who is a former governor of New Mexico. "We are no longer turning to the public sector and saying, 'Save us.' The private sector is taking the

communities in the alliance has been meeting for about a year in preparation for launching the initiative.

"It is time for our entire region to thrive economically, to leverage

“ The private sector is taking the leadership to drive the agenda for attracting growth. ”

GARREY CARRUTHERS,
steering committee member

leadership to drive the agenda for attracting growth in our region.”

The job of the alliance will be to develop programs and influence government, he said.

He said a small group of business leaders from the three

our strategic location on the U.S. – Mexico border, develop competitively to become economically prosperous, and to convert our combined communities into a 21st-century skills-based economy,” said Rick Francis, chairman

of Paso del Norte Group, during the presentation.

“As individual communities, we each have our unique strengths and potential, but presenting ourselves individually is less efficient and makes it more difficult to compete. As a combined entity, our opportunity for economic growth is unmatched, and poised strategically for significant development.”

The new regional alliance is made up of Las Cruces, El Paso and Ciudad Juárez as a single region, offering a population of 2.6 million people. The combined economic assets include billions of dollars in cross-border trade, major manufacturing and distribution centers with a significant number of logistics and applied technology companies, regional higher education research institutions and the medical school, as well as critical regional military installations and national research

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Properties change hands

Wells Fargo and Las Cruces Country Club

A group of investors who envision mixed-use development in November purchased the 110-acre Las Cruces Country Club. Their plan reportedly includes medical and assisted living facilities as well as single and multi-family houses as well as retail and recreational amenities.

Another major Las Cruces commercial property that had been languishing on the market, Wells Fargo Tower at 506 S. Main St., also found a buyer late in 2012.

The iconic building is the tallest building in Las Cruces and consists of 101,269 square feet on 3.70 acres. The tower was built in 1966 and has been owned by Wells Fargo since 2001.

Like the new country club owners, the Canadian purchasers of the tower look forward to converting a fallow asset to a mixed-use magnet.

Observers look forward to learning more early in 2013.

Solar surges

Positive Energy Solar

In the shadow of the Wells Fargo tower, Positive Energy Solar, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 26 for its new southern New Mexico headquarters at 510 S. Main St., also a former bank building.

Positive Energy Solar remodeled and added solar panels. The company is expanding its installation business and adding staff.

The ribbon cutting, while noteworthy in itself, also made news as the first triple ribbon cutting in the city, celebrated jointly by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces and the newcomer among local business advocacy organizations, the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.

Energy pours into the Borderplex

Sapphire Energy, Union Pacific and more

Another of the areas' alternative energy facilities, Sapphire Energy, in August announced the first phase of its "farm" in Luna County that produces oil from algae had completed its first large scale harvest.

The first phase included the construction of 100 acres of algae pond cultivation systems as well as all the mechanical and processing equipment needed to harvest and extract algae and recycle water for the green crude farm.

By the end of 2014, it will be capable of producing about 100 barrels of oil per day, which can be turned into gas, diesel and jet fuel, according to Sapphire Energy.

Meanwhile, the Santa Teresa border crossing promises additional opportunities for businesses in southern New Mexico

In December, Union Pacific reported it was on track with the second stage of its \$400 million expansion of its Santa Teresa hub.

Shifting scene for dining out

Ebert expands, sandwich shops multiply

Just in time for the holidays, Gary Ebert of Zeffiro opened the Main Street Bistro and Ale House at 139 N. Main St.

Las Cruces celebrated the opening after having mourned the disappearance of La Iguana from the same location

In June, the community lost Lorenzo's de Mesilla. Owners Ali and Lorenzo Liberto regrouped at their catering headquarters, 3000 Harrelson St., where they opened Pasta Express. The take-out features Friday night pizza.

Also new on the scene are the elegant Savoy de Mesilla at 1800 Avenida de Mesilla and Michel Mal's A Bite of Belgium at 741 N. Alameda Blvd. Bite of Belgium serves waffles at breakfast and lunch, with a continental assortment of soups and sandwiches.

During the year, new chain sandwich shops multiplied the options in Las Cruces. Jason's Deli opened at 3845 E. Lohman Ave. Jimmy John's at 901 E. University Ave.

Education construction boosts the economy

Centennial High School, New Mexico State University Center for the Arts

The New Mexico State University Center for the Arts officially opened with a Dec. 14 ribbon cutting. Construction of the 59,000-square-foot facility began in fall 2010 and was the catalyst for saving or adding many construction jobs in the area.

Another job-creating construction project with long-term prospects for contributing significantly to the local economy was Centennial High School, which opened this fall and held a ribbon cutting Sept. 21.

a much larger effort," said Russ Vandenberg, chairman of REDCo.

"The new model we are establishing will be focused on strategic economic development driven by policy analysis directed at not a single area, but a region-wide approach in critical or significant areas fundamental to growth, expansion, and development," said Susan Melendez, executive director of the PdN Group.

Melendez said the alliance represents a more streamlined process than traditional economic development.

The structure of the Borderplex Bi-National Economic Alliance will include a board of directors and an executive committee focused on governance and policy. The organization will have a CEO and executives dedicated to economic development, policy/advocacy and marketing/membership.

In addition to Carruthers, Las Cruces Tom Hutchinson of La Posta de Mesilla serves on the steering committee.

Current leadership members from Las Cruces are Carruthers; Hutchinson; Laura Mathers Coniff, Mathers Realty Inc.; Gary Lenzo, Century Bank of Las Cruces; David McCollum, Las Cruces Bulletin; Kari Mitchell, Las Cruces Machine Mfg & Engineering; and Raymond Palacios, Bravo Cadillac/ Bravo Chevrolet Cadillac.

Centennial, the city's fourth comprehensive high school, is located at 1950 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd., just east of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

National awards, local celebrities

AARP this year named Las Cruces one of its 10 best affordable retirement cities.

Criteria included affordability for those with an annual income of \$36,000 and ample amenities for the money, such as the arts and restaurants.

Also in the national spotlight this year were two local business success stories.

Steve Lyles on Oct. 4 collected the 11th annual American Vegetable Grower's Grower Achievement Award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Lyles started farming on rented land and

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"I think we may have reached the bottom of the curve and are starting to level," he concluded. "The market is still very weak."

Chavira said the outlook for 2013 depends to some extent on what the city does with regard to impact fees that have been approved but not implemented.

Logan, on the other hand, looks five years out and likes what she sees.

For starters, Logan said, site selectors who scout for locations for national businesses are looking five years out, at growth trends in an area.

"National chains with room to expand want to get into areas that are growing and income is growing," Logan said. "Many areas are flat or declining. And while our growth is slower than we want, it is still uphill."

She said median household income is forecast to grow at 2.8 percent for the next five years in Las Cruces, more than the 2.5 percent national average.

"We have very good demographics," Logan said. Las Cruces' median age is between 32 and 33, she said.

"We are actually getting a little older, which is good for us," she said. "Twenty-somethings are not considered a reliable market because they are very mobile."

The less rosy part of the picture – in terms of attracting higher-end retail businesses – is the city's average income.

"People with disposable incomes of \$20,000 are not going to shop in higher-end stores," she said, which answers the proverbial question of why Las Cruces doesn't have a Trader Joe's.

(From a glass-half-full perspective, the absence of Trader's Joes is not a bad thing. The void creates an opportunity for enterprising local business people such as the Bauers at Toucan Market to make available healthful specialty food options tailored to the tastes and wallets of Las Cruces gourmets.)

The city's population stands at 97,000, Logan said.

That's an interesting point on the charts. Logan agreed the common wisdom is that when a city reaches 100,000 it becomes attractive to a greater group of businesses seeking locations.

now owns and operates 1,000 acres in the Mesilla Valley. An NMSU graduate, he employs the latest technology and food safety practices.

Earlier this year, President Cynthia Jonasson of Denco Inc. was named the Small Business Administration National Prime Contractor of the year. The construction company did \$23 million in business last year, much of it from military contracts. The company started just nine years ago with \$800,000 in gross sales.

As the year neared its end, a Dec. 15 parade in Las Cruces celebrated the achievements of the new World Boxing Association champion Austin Trout

The Las Cruces fighter's next bout could be against Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, the World Boxing Council champion from Mexico. Las Cruces has been proposed as the site, which would certainly be plus for business as well as international recognition for the City of the Crosses in 2013.

But it's not that simple.

As Logan pointed out, the seekers look at trends and plan ahead. So, in the minds of many, Las Cruces already has pushed past the 100,000 break point.

And Logan makes it easier for outside companies to think that way.

She offers them statistics pointing out that within a 10-mile radius, which includes New Mexico State University and Mesilla Park, the population tops out at 142,000.

Another way to present the data is to provide population numbers for the five Las Cruces zip codes.

Or you can look at the population in a 25-mile radius to calculate labor supply and consumer demand, Logan said.

Growth can be stimulated by events just beyond the immediate area, she said. The Santa Teresa area to the south, Spaceport

America in Sierra County west of White Sands Missile Range and possibly Pegasus' high-tech testing city could be positive developments for Las Cruces, she said.

"Pegasus, the 'ghost town,' may be a bigger deal next year," she said of the proposed testing city that had yet to make a final location decision. "The closer it is in New Mexico, the bigger impact it will have on Las Cruces."

The above miscellanies make up just a tiny snapshot of the what-ifs that await us.

As always, myriad variables will help shape the area's 2013 business climate.

As individuals we will make business and personal decisions in an environment saturated with unknowns.

Data helps, but won't necessarily lead us to clear choices.

Stepping back before deciding where we are going

could help us walk more confidently into 2013.

One thing is certain: Mulling the unknowns at 3:30 a.m. is not productive.

I pray next time I try to figure things out in my sleep I'll remember the classic serenity prayer:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference."

So here's to a good measure of serenity for all of us making choices in an uncertain environment. And here's to a collective bundle of wise decisions that will help produce a more peaceful and prosperous new year in our valley and beyond.

“ Many areas are flat or declining. And while our growth is slower than we want, it is still uphill. ”

CHRISTINE LOGAN,
Las Cruces director of
economic development

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laboratories.

The presentation positioned the goal of the Borderplex Bi-National Economic Alliance as a regional approach for a competitive economy.

The group will aim to evolve the Las Cruces, El Paso and Ciudad Juárez communities into a bi-national, globally competitive economy, develop a regional policy strategy, align and leverage the combined region's economic assets and establish regional public-private partnerships. The group will seek collaborative measures to solve chronic policy problems faced by the region including the trade and commerce chokehold on bridges, the acceleration of higher skill development, and the development of regional demand for such skills.

The first step the alliance took was to evaluate the existing regional business development organizations, and take action by merging the functions of REDCo and the PdN Group to form the basis of the Borderplex Bi-National Economic Alliance.

"The merging of the Paso Del Norte Group and REDCo is just one component of

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



I-10 eastbound ramp construction

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

Construction continues on the Interstate 10/Motel Boulevard exit, where the I-10 eastbound on and off ramps are now open to traffic. Work continues on the westbound on and off ramps. The \$9.6 million project has been ongoing since March and will continue through spring 2013.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
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Dec. 7	O'Reilly Auto Parts	2500 W. Picacho Ave.	417-829-5727
Nov. 30	White Sands Federal Credit Union	2755 N. Main St.	647-4500
Nov. 23	Western Heritage Bank	230 Alameda Blvd.	541-0058

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Percentage of all employers represented

\$6 trillion

Amount produced in the gross domestic product each year

Source: <http://paysimple.com>

Gas update

Monday, Dec. 24

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 2.1 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.04** per gallon. This compares with the national **average** that has not moved in the last week to **\$3.24** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Dec. 24**, were **14.7 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **25.0 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national **average** has **decreased 19.1 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **1.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than this day one year ago.

1. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.87
2. Love's	8993 Robert Larson Blvd.	\$2.95
3. Shorty's	5580 Bataan Memorial E.	\$2.97
4. Valero	1305 El Paseo Road, 1401 E. Lohman Ave., 2695 W. Picacho Ave. and 2501 N. Main St.	\$2.99
5. Shorty's	1025 Spruce Ave.	\$2.99

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, Dec. 24

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Dallas-Love	\$191.80	Southwest
Houston	\$145.30	United
Las Vegas	\$102.60	American
Los Angeles	\$99.80	American
Phoenix	\$91.80	Us Air
San Antonio	\$108.60	American
New York City	\$202.60	American
Orlando	\$180.60	American
San Diego	\$132.60	American
Seattle	\$261.60	US Air
Washington, D.C.	\$182.60	American
London	\$1,337.70	Us Air
Paris	\$1,799.20	British Air
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Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective Dec. 26-Jan. 02 *Restrictions apply* Holidays

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Comparing the U.S. dollar

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\$1.31961 in U.S. dollars
0.75780 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso

\$0.07709 in U.S. dollars
12.97200 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen

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84.81002 per U.S. dollar

Canadian Dollar

\$1.00832 in U.S. dollars
0.99175 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com as of Monday, Dec. 24



Market snapshot

For the week of Dec. 17 - 21, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	13135.01	13190.84	55.83	0.4	8.0
Nasdaq	2971.33	3021.01	49.68	1.7	16.0

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Weak: Energy, utilities

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In Good Company: *Biad Chili Products*

Red and green

Heating up parties for more than 50 years

By **Marvin Tessneer and Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Brothers Chris and Mike Biad of Biad Chili Products believe their family company has built a strong customer base because its product has a high chile flavor.

The company, south of Las Cruces, has been producing red chile for more than 50 years and green varieties for five, said Chris Biad.

The brothers most recently expanded the company to include flame roasted, frozen New Mexico green chile.

The Biad family immigrated from Austria

and lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., during the 1930s and '40s. In 1950, encouraged by family members in New Mexico, they moved to the Hatch Valley, where they began farming.

"I was 19 and a commercial artist working in Manhattan," Lou Biad recalled. "My father came home one day and said, 'We're moving to New Mexico.' I asked if he was kidding."

He said with the help of Uncle Alex Franzoy, he and his brother, Victor, learned to farm.

They started with 40 acres of cotton and 10 of chiles.

"We lived in a little adobe house," Lou Biad said. "We had no air conditioning, phone or TV.

But we had what we needed – food and shelter." The business expanded gradually with the acquisition of small farms and construction of bigger and bigger hydrators.

Today, several companies bear the name Biad.

Lou Biad said his sons, Louis and Donald, work with Victor's son's Mike and Chris in Biad Chili Co. Mike and Chris run Biad Chili Products, which specializes in green chiles. In addition, Louis operates a chile oil extraction company, Rezolex.

Biad Chili annually produces, under contract, about 100 acres of green chile in the Las Cruces area and 2,000 acres of red varieties in Las Cruces, Hatch, Arizona and Mexico.

The average annual production is about 75 tons of green pods and 3,500 tons of red.

Biad starts planting green chile varieties in March for harvest in August. Red chile is scheduled for harvest from October to December.

"We only plant chile varieties that have been developed in New Mexico because of their rich flavor," Chris Biad said.

As third generation owners, brothers Mike and Chris Biad said they are proud of their heritage. They honor tradition by growing new Heritage varieties brought back into production by professor Paul Bosland and New Mexico State University.

Their robust green chile varieties, originally produced in the 1960s, put Hatch green chile on the map. The new Heritage varieties have five times the flavor of other chilies.

A portion of Biad's online sales are donated to NMSU's chile research program.

The company currently operates a 140,000-square-foot processing facility.

After chile harvest, the Biad plant becomes a popular place where customers can buy packages of frozen green chile to prepare family chile-based dishes.

Most of the red chile is sold to processors who produce chile flakes or powder for seasoning, Chris Biad said.

"Our success is based on hard work, a great group of people who keep the business running, great customers and a good product," he said.

Details

Biad Chili Products

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6060 S. Main St.
Mesilla Park

Store hours
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Monday through Thursday
January through July

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Saturday
August through December

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Mike and Chris Biad, out standing in their field.



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- February**..... Community Foundation of Southern NM
- March**..... Salvation Army
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- June**..... Las Cruces Home Builders Association
- July**..... DACC Customized Training and Workforce Development Program
- August**..... Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc.
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Red chile has become a staple of the Mesilla Valley.

A chile tradition

New Mexico's chile flavor has won its place in the market. In 2010, the value was \$41.6 million compared with \$57 million in 2009, according to the latest New Mexico Agricultural Statistics. Production has decreased from 12,300 harvested acres in 2009 to

8,700 in 2010 and from 72,700 tons in 2009 to 66,660 in 2010. Doña Ana County historically has been a leading chile producer, with an average of more than 3,000 harvested acres. Luna County took the lead in 2010 with 2,950 acres compared with 2,800 in Doña Ana.

Profiles

Doug Boberg:

A champion for the community

Dress the Child program flourishes under current leadership

By David Salcido
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the world of charities, there are givers and there are those for whom giving is a life-long commitment; passionate men and women for whom community service is more than a seasonal occasion.

In a city like Las Cruces, the roots of the giving tree run deep. It takes a special kind of champion to harvest the gifts produced by that tree and put it into the hands of those who can use them most.

Doug Boberg is just such a champion.

An Internet marketing consultant with Dex Digital, Boberg has been in the telecommunications field since 2008. He initially got his start in 1980 doing sales for Mountain Bell, which then became AT&T, then Lucid Technologies. Now he finds himself counseling people on how to make themselves more visible on the Internet for the Fortune 500 company, a job he finds very fulfilling, despite the fact that most people aren't even aware of his occupation.

"Most people don't know what I do for a living," he said. "Because they affiliate me

with the (Greater Las Cruces) Chamber of Commerce, the Conquistadores or with Dress the Child, which is a passion of mine and that's what I tend to market."

For three years, Boberg has carried the torch lit by the late Doug Rains in 1984, when the Dress the Child program was started. His involvement with Dress The Child began, however, in 1996 when he first moved to Las Cruces from Albuquerque with his wife, Lyn, and his two children, Derek and Lisa.

Boberg's community involvement began almost immediately upon arriving.

"I was fortunate enough to meet some Chamber people who brought me into the fold," he said. "I hadn't been in town too long before I was recruited to become a Conquistadore. It's been a great opportunity. I tell all the new Conquistadores that this is the best gig around. You get to visit with business people, you get fed and they're always glad to see you. What could be better than that?"

In 1997, Boberg joined the Las Cruces Rio

Grande Rotary Foundation, where he served until 2004. That same year, he became a board member for the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, where he served until 2010, twice as president. In 2010 he was presented with the opportunity to serve on the Health and Human Services advisory board for the City of Las Cruces. He's been doing that ever since.

The program that is nearest and dearest to Boberg's heart, however, is still Dress the Child.

"I had worked with Doug Rains since I hit Las Cruces," he said. "In 1998 I became the volunteer coordinator, so I would match up the volunteer escorts with the children when they went shopping. Then, in

2009, Doug (Rains) asked me if I would co-chair the program with him. I was going to shadow him for a year, for 2009 and 2010, but he passed away 10 days before the annual Dress the Child dinner in 2009."

These days Boberg is the co-chair of the Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary Foundation Dress the Child program with Matt Holt, a former attorney who now teaches business law at New Mexico State University. The program provides clothing to children in elementary and middle schools, whose families may not have the ability to provide for them.

He spends the better part of the year, raising funds, through such events as the aforementioned Dress the Child dinner, which always falls on the first Sunday in October. The shopping itself, takes place from the middle of October to the middle of December.

"There's just such a need in the community," he said. "I think that the partnerships made from this are so critically important and it's just so rewarding to see the community come together to get behind this."

Boberg credits this to Rains' foresight. "This program was just so well thought out," he said. "It really surprised me. In 1984, when the program started, Doug who was the advisory board president for the Salvation Army and Tom Wobey, who was the manager of J.C. Penney, recognized the need.

"They recognized that you can't just give a \$100 to a family and say, 'We want this money to go toward that child.' That money is going to be spread across the whole family and you lose control over how that funding gets spent. So, they went ahead and they allocated \$100 for each kid and they took those kids shopping, themselves."

That first year, there were 15 local school kids who benefited from the charity provided by these two men. The following year, 25 children were affected.

"When it got to 25 and 35 and 50 kids, they realized they weren't going to be able to do it by themselves," Boberg explained. "So they recruited Conquistadores, they recruited Rotarians, they recruited Aggie athletes and other youth in the community. This year we dressed 451 children. The community continues to get behind this. Next year we're setting a goal of 500 children. At \$100 a piece, we've got a lot of work to do."

It's important to Boberg that people understand that every dollar donated to the Dress the Child program goes toward buying clothing.

"We're totally a volunteer organization, so we don't have any overhead expenses," he said. "So, if they donate \$100, it's going to dress a kid."

The rewards for Boberg and the volunteers who help him with his cause are many, but one sums it all up for him.

"We get thank you cards from the kids and the families," he said. "You get to hear, first hand, how it's changed some of their lives. They felt that they were kind of alone. They felt like nobody cared about them. They didn't have the right clothes to go to school in. Then they get new clothes, they feel much better about themselves, they perform better in school. It can transform a life.

"So, when you talk about why I'm passionate about it, the opportunity to change a young life, I think is reason enough. And there are so many people who help us with this, it's just truly gratifying. I'm very blessed to be a part of it."



BOBERG

Details

Doug Boberg

Internet marketing consultant with
Dex Digital

Family

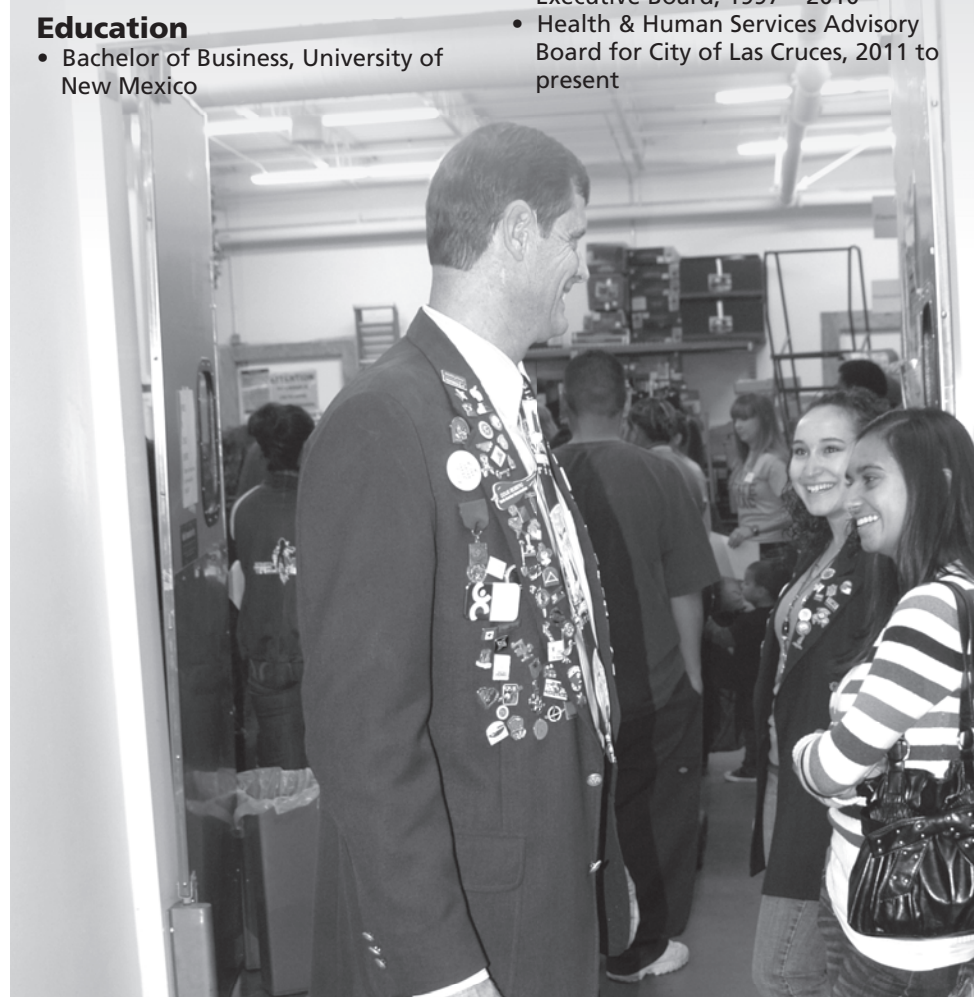
- Wife Lyn
- Son Derek, 24
- Daughter Lisa, 22

Education

- Bachelor of Business, University of New Mexico

Organizations

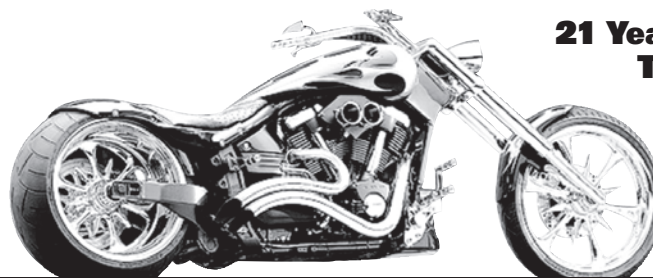
- Chamber of Commerce Conquistadore, 1996 to present
- Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary, 1997 – 2004
- Chamber of Commerce board, 2004 – 2008.
- Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Executive Board, 1997 – 2010
- Health & Human Services Advisory Board for City of Las Cruces, 2011 to present



Doug Boberg visits with Conquistadore Sasha Ogas and a volunteer escort during a Dress the Child shopping excursion.

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The landscape changed in 2011 with completion of the removal of the Downtown Mall at the north end of Main Street.

MainStreet program assists cities

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership works with state program

Carrie LaTour

Executive director,
Downtown Las
Cruces Partnership



The Las Cruces Downtown Partnership is working to bring awareness to the community of the benefits of having a MainStreet program, an integral part of the revitalization of the core of the city.

New Mexico MainStreet, a program of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, is a grassroots economic development initiative that assists communities in revitalizing their traditional commercial neighborhoods.

MainStreet works throughout New Mexico to help affiliated downtown organizations

create an economically viable business environment while preserving local cultural and historic resources.

New Mexico MainStreet serves as a resource and support network for designated MainStreet communities, providing them with technical assistance, resources and information in their revitalization efforts.

New Mexico MainStreet works within the National Trust Main Street Center's established Four-Point Approach of Organization, Design, Promotion and Economic Positioning while tailoring to meet local needs and opportunities. MainStreet has been the premier organization that brings life to New Mexico's downtowns since 1985.

The program currently serves 23 affiliated MainStreet projects, including the one in Las Cruces, which started in 2003.

What does the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership do?

- Economic development
- Business recruitment and retention
- Business promotions, network building
- Business façade improvement
- Downtown events (monthly business breakfast 7:30 a.m. first Thursday of the month; Avenue Art; SalsaFest!)

Who benefits from a local Main Street revitalization effort?

Merchants

- Greater opportunity for growth and expansion
- Expanded customer base
- Healthier business climate and less financial risk

Property owners

- Stronger property values
- Increased occupancy rates
- Improved marketability of property

Financial Institutions

- Expanded commercial base
- Improved public image and goodwill
- Opportunity to fulfill community reinvestment mandate

Professional and service businesses

- Readymade customer base of Downtown employees
- Convenient location near government, banks, post office
- Nearby amenities for clients and staff

- Economic development organizations
- Stronger economic environment
- Enhanced base of business and jobs
- Dedicated effort to address small business/retail sector

Local chambers of commerce

- Potential new member businesses
- Healthier overall business climate
- Potential partnerships on joint projects

Local government

- Increased sales tax and property tax base
- Protection of property values and infrastructure investment
- Reduced pressure for sprawl development

Residents

- Local access to goods and services
- Improved quality of life
- Renewed pride in the community
- Stronger tax base to support community amenities

Business outside the Main Street district

- Increased visitor traffic to the community
- Improved municipal services throughout the community
- Additional amenities for employees and clients

Schools and universities

- Youth involvement in civic projects
- Use of Main Street district as a "classroom" for projects
- More places to go and activities for youth

Want to be part of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership? Call 525-1955.

Information provided by Downtown Las Cruces Partnership volunteers and staff. For more information, call 525-1955 or email downtown@dclp.org.



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Las Cruces Home Builders Association

PERMIT NO.	PERMIT TYPE	OWNER	ADDRESS	CONTRACTOR	TOTAL FEE	VALUATION
20126968	REROOF	HILARIO J. BERNAL	640 COLLEGE PLACE	HACIENDA GRANDE CONSTRUCTION	\$43.36	\$1,750
20127041	REROOF	JAMES ANDREW & ORALIA B. FRIETZE	2713 SIM AVE.	GILBERT & SONS ROOFING & PLASTERING	\$113.30	\$14,521
20127043	REROOF	P3M2 LLC	327 SOLEDAD AVE.	RUNYAN CONSTRUCTION	\$83.72	\$9,500
20127063	REROOF	DEBBIE L. ASHIDA & KENNETH SCHWISOW	1001 E. BOUTZ ROAD	DE LA PAZ CONSTRUCTION	\$100.51	\$12,350
20126970	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	GL GREEN & ASSOCIATES LLC	4091 DEMOS AVE.	GL GREEN AND ASSOCIATES	\$4,780.58	\$212,954
20126998	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	SONOMA RANCH SUBDIVISION LTD CO.	2519 MONTICELLO DRIVE	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$4,810.82	\$204,344
20127001	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	FIRST AMERICAN BANK	4321 TEWA COURT	SPIRIT VIEW HOMES	\$4,801.16	\$225,008
20127046	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	LEEANN FRIEDA MEADOWS	480 EL PRADO AVE.	ARTESAN CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$4,813.76	N/A
20127047	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	COMPASS BANK	4738 ZACHARY LANE	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$2,917.98	N/A
20127048	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	NM LOTS LLC	3539 SIERRA DEL SOL AVE.	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$2,917.98	\$152,274
20127020	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	TITO & MARIA ESTELA GUERRA	561 BONITA CIRCLE	GUERRA TITO & MARIA ESTELA	\$30	\$300
20127062	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	BARBARA C. DAVIS TRUST	2454 EL DORADO COURT	BARBARA C. DAVIS REV TR	\$96.84	\$11,726
20127061	RESIDENTIAL ALTERATIONS	BOSKO & ANNIE J. KRIVOKAPICH TRUST	801 FARNEY LANE	MARIA MAGDALENA/ FRANCISCO ESPARZA	\$40.69	\$1,500
20126958	ROCKWALL	MANUEL OROS & NORA ALMA SERNA	5265 MELODY LANE	ROKAS CONSTRUCTION	\$32.50	\$650
20126983	ROCKWALL	SANTA CLARA MISSION LLC	1922 VILLA NAPOLI LOOP WEST	E. AND R. CONTRACTORS	\$189.85	\$3,797
20126985	ROCKWALL	SANTA CLARA MISSION LLC	1916 VILLA NAPOLI LOOP WEST	E. AND R. CONTRACTORS	\$187.40	\$3,748
20127021	ROCKWALL	MARTIN RUIZ & MAIRA DEL CARMEN	2417 W. PICACHO AVE.	ROKAS CONSTRUCTION	\$117.50	\$2,350
20126961	WINDOW/DOOR REPLACEMENT	LAURA K. HUMPHREYS	2317 AGUIRRE COURT	S. REYNOLDS COMPANY	\$56.63	\$4,900

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Briefs

El Paso Electric provides support to learning center



Rico Gonzales from El Paso Electric presents a donation to Judy Carter, Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center director, and Gunnar Carlson, learning center board member.

On Dec. 18, El Paso Electric presented \$5,000 to the Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center of Las Cruces. The center, which opened in 1989, provides assistance to children who suffer language learning disorders such as dyslexia. To date, more than 300 young people have completed the center's Rite Care program, which equips children with the language and reading skills to face the challenges of society.

"Our vision is for every child, in the Las Cruces area, who needs language therapy to have the opportunity to receive it at our learning center without charge," said Ken Allin, Scottish Rite secretary.

"These services are funded by donations and local fund raisers. The cost per RiteCare® student is approximately \$5,000 per school year, and this generous donation will provide training for one student, or teacher training for two teachers, during the next school year."

"It is our pleasure at El Paso Electric to provide support to such a great program that gives children with language learning disorders hope for a better future," said Ricardo Gonzales, director of New Mexico External Affairs at El Paso Electric.

New Charles Schwab branch opens in city

Charles Schwab, a provider of full-service brokerage services, announced Dec. 21 the opening of a new independent branch in Las Cruces, at 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141C. The branch will offer investors local access to a full suite of investing and personal finance guidance, tools and products.

The new Las Cruces location is one of the first-of-its-kind Schwab franchise branches, part of a larger franchising initiative the firm announced in early 2011.

Schwab's decision to begin opening franchise branches, in addition to its more than 300 existing company-managed branches, is grounded in a commitment to make financial advice and guidance more accessible in local communities across the country. Schwab's company-managed and independent branches will deliver the same suite of brokerage products and services, pricing and overall client service and experience.

The Las Cruces branch is led by Schwab Independent Branch Leader Jackie Mitchell Edwards, an experienced investment and financial services professional. Edwards is a graduate of Princeton University and New York University Law School.

She is a Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA) and a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC). Edwards grew up in El Paso and now lives in Las Cruces with her husband.

Starting in February, Edwards expects to hold a variety of educational investing workshops in the Las Cruces branch, which are free and open to Schwab clients as well as the general public.

NMSU Cooperative Extension Service receives award

New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences received the 2012 Beef Backer Award from the New Mexico Beef Council Dec. 7 during the Joint Stockmen's Convention in

Albuquerque.

Dean Lowell B. Catlett and Jon Boren, associate dean and director of NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service, accepted the award recognizing the university's longtime and ongoing work in support of the state's beef industry.

"The beef industry is always going to be integral to our mission," Boren said. "Our goal is to help producers become more productive."

The Beef Backer Award is presented annually by the New Mexico Beef Council for outstanding efforts that result in the advancement of the New Mexico beef industry through education, promotion and research.

New Mexico's ranching community benefits from Extension's contributions of research-based expertise obtained from the 12 regional agricultural science centers that support research designed to enhance profitability while improving the quality, safety and reliability of New Mexico's agricultural products.

Pearce congratulates Sunland Inc.

It was announced on Dec. 20 that courts have approved a consent decree to reinstate the food facility registration of Sunland, Inc. Congressman Pearce issued the following statement on the decision:

"I am glad that Sunland will be able to resume some operations," said Pearce. "While public safety is of the utmost importance, there was serious concern in the community that the suspension had been handled unfairly. I am glad that this issue has been resolved, and that concerns over both safety and jobs have been addressed. I encourage all those involved to allow employees to resume work immediately."

NM unemployment rate drops in October

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in November 2012, down from 6.3 percent in October and also down from 7.1 percent a year ago, according to a press release sent out by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing November 2012 with November 2011,

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3:30 to 5 p.m. Economic Outlook Conference, Health & Social Services Auditorium on the NMSU campus. Economists present forecasts for 2013. Register by Feb. 15, 2013, by calling Judy Wetzel at 521-6849.

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was negative 0.6 percent, representing a loss of 4,800 jobs. The current round of job loss started in June after 10 months of over-the-year job growth. Seven industries are currently adding employment and six industries are losing jobs.

Large gains continue to be reported by the leisure and hospitality industry, with a gain of 3,000 jobs since this time last year. Job growth in the much larger educational and health services industry has decreased in recent months, and the current over-the-year increase was 1,600 jobs.

Gains in other industries ranged from 100 to 700 jobs. The professional and business services industry reported the loss of 3,900 jobs, and the information industry reported a loss of 900 jobs over the year. Government employment registered a net loss of 4,800 jobs since last year, with job losses reported at the state and federal levels.

State employment reported 4,300 fewer jobs than last year. Federal government reported that employment was down 1,200 jobs. Local governments have 700 more jobs than this time last year. Over-the-year losses in the remaining industries ranged from 300 to 900 jobs.

A detailed analysis will be provided in the Labor Market Review scheduled for release on Friday, Dec. 28.

Home prices still falling

Most U.S. cities remain flat or continue to fall

Gary Sandler's
Real Estate
Connection



The Las Cruces housing market didn't begin to feel the effects of the recession until 2008, a full year after the official start of our nation's economic downturn. While prices are rising in some markets around the country, Las Cruces is not one of them.

In a December report issued jointly by Forbes Inc., and Local Market Monitor, a real estate research company, more markets than not remain flat or are in decline. According to Forbes, only 120 markets out of 316 surveyed showed any sort of price appreciation over the past year.

The report listed Las Cruces as one "of 25 cities and their surrounding suburbs where prices have fallen this year, and, contrary to the recovery rhetoric, are likely to continue to descend over the next 12 months."

Let's hope that's not true here in Las Cruces.

While declining prices can cause serious problems for home sellers, they create immense opportunities for home buyers. In 2008, local home buyers paid an average of just under \$214,000 for their existing homes, and financed their purchases with mortgages carrying interest rates in the 6 percent range.

Today, buyers are paying around

\$173,000 for the same home and are financing their purchases with mortgages in the 3 to 3.25 percent range. The combination of lower prices and reduced interest rates significantly raises the affordability factor, allowing more buyers to qualify than would be able to at the higher prices and rates.

Thanks to that increased affordability, local closed sales through the first 11 months of 2012 are running almost 25 percent above last year's production level. Sales volume is also up, exceeding last year's volume by just over \$29 million.

On the value side, prices are considerably lower this year than last. Average and median prices of the new and used Las Cruces area homes, townhomes and condominiums sold through the first 11 months of this year are roughly \$10,000 lower than during the first 11 months of last year. By my fuzzy math, that's an \$833 per month loss in value for the average priced home over the past year.

It's anybody's guess when our fortunes will be reversed and local home prices begin to rise. Let's just hope it's sooner rather than later.

See you at closing!

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico Broadcasters Association's Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

Year-end gift giving

Donations more important than ever before

As federal deficit deliberations continue, many are working to meet the needs that will ultimately occur due to government cutbacks, while also encouraging increased year-end giving.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM), an organization that serves the seven southern New Mexico counties including Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, Otero and Sierra, is encouraging year-end giving in an effort to better prepare for the upcoming fiscal crises.

The CFSNM is also following recommendations by the Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grantmaking foundations and corporations formed in 1949. The Council on Foundations membership includes more than 1,700 independent, operating, community, public and company-sponsored foundations, including the CFSNM. The Council's mission is to provide the opportunity, leadership and tools needed by philanthropic organizations to expand, enhance and sustain their ability to advance the common good.

Recently the Council on Foundations issued a letter to the president and congressional leadership highlighting the importance of the philanthropic sector.

The Council recognizes that in an era of fiscal austerity, the philanthropic sector will be called upon to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable communities and neighbors who otherwise would have to bear the brunt of painful cuts in government programs, said Council President and CEO Vikki Spruill.

Like the Council on Foundations, the CFSNM is prepar-

ing for a loss in charitable deductions, through a deduction cap or otherwise, which would result in a loss of billions of dollars each year in contributions that would otherwise serve the critical needs of communities. The CFSNM is also encouraging donors to increase their giving in preparation for the upcoming year and possible fiscal cliff.

As an independent charity, the CFSNM stewards philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to community-based organizations. The CFSNM manages 201 funds, including 42 special projects funds, 35 agency funds, seven donor-advised funds, 20 unrestricted funds, 14 field-of-interest funds, 83 designated funds and 25 scholarships. As a catalyst for significant community change, the CFSNM enables people to create and help finance charitable funds that address a wide range of interests.

With only a few days left in 2012, donors are encouraged to contact the CFSNM for guidance on giving before the end of the year.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn, Ph.D., at 521-4794.



Select and submit your nomination for

2012 Small Business of the Year

NOMINEES

January
Break an Egg

February
Wright Jewelers

March
Kelly Services

April
Zeffiro New York Pizzeria

May
Gift Baskets by G

June
Heart of the Desert
Pistachios & Wine

July
Econo Pro Painters

August
No recipient

September
COAS Books

October
Barb's Flowerland

November
LifeSupport Medical

December
Kosh Solutions

Business name: _____

Nominator (no anonymous nominations will be accepted): _____

Please write brief paragraphs on the following criteria. Give specific examples for each.

1. Contributions to community welfare

2. Participation in community activities

3. Promotion of business progress in community

4. Professional development and advancement opportunities for employees

5. Demonstration of leadership in business community

6. Support of the strategic vision of the Chamber

Please return nominations to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce no later than Jan. 1, 2013, or by mail to P. O. Box 519, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0519, or by fax at 527-5546.

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Tax deductions may prove costly

Pyramiding fix causes more problems



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

One of the perennial issues facing the New Mexico legislature is gross receipts tax pyramiding. Pyramiding occurs when a tax is imposed on both the purchases and sales of businesses.

For example, take a tax preparer who purchases stationery from a printer. In New Mexico, the printer charges a gross receipts tax on the stationery. The tax preparer then passes on the tax to its customers in the form of higher fees. That is, the tax then gets embedded in the price of tax preparation. The ultimate consumer pays tax not only on the value of the tax services but also on the embedded tax.

Pyramiding can be substantial, especially for products that pass through several stages of production. The unintended consequence can be a substantial over-taxation of some activities, making those products noncompetitive, while other products go relatively unscathed. It is a particular problem for small businesses that tend to purchase services rather than hire in-house.

An advantage of the gross receipts tax is that it is broad based, which reduces the distortionary effect of the tax. But, this

advantage is offset by pyramiding, which imposes double (or triple or quadruple) taxation randomly on some transactions, thereby benefiting some businesses while putting others at a competitive disadvantage. Something that both reduces economic efficiency, as well as being unfair.

Last session, the legislature adopted two reforms to gross receipts tax aimed at dealing with particularly egregious cases of pyramiding. Construction was allowed to deduct gross receipts taxes paid on services, such as engineering and leases. This reform remains relatively uncontroversial. The second reform deals with manufacturing.

For many years, manufacturers have been able to deduct gross receipts taxes paid on inputs into the manufacturing process, but not deduct taxes paid on ingredients consumed in production. Thus, a manufacturer could deduct the cost of a component that became part of the final product, but could not deduct the cost of a solvent used in production that did not become part of the final product but nevertheless was consumed in production. The 2012 Legislature changed this so that items like solvents could also be deducted. So far, so good.

The rub comes in the definition of manufacturing. Under the New Mexico tax code, manufacturing is defined as the combination of inputs to create a new product. This is a very general definition and covers businesses

not usually thought of as manufacturing like electricity generation or even art.

The consequence is, the manufacturing exception is turning out to be more expensive than expected. There will likely be a move when the Legislature meets next month to turn back the manufacturing deduction.

How, ultimately, to fix pyramiding is a vexing problem. Many would like to see New Mexico abandon the gross receipts tax altogether and move toward a traditional sales tax that would apply only to final sales to consumers.

Others, and count me in this camp, would like New Mexico to adopt a true value-added tax under which businesses would pay taxes on the incremental value created at each step of production

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administrators of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.



Select and submit your nomination for

2012 Business of the Year

NOMINEES

January

Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico

February

Las Cruces Toyota

March

City of Las Cruces

April

Mesilla Valley Mall

May

Radio of Las Cruces

June

Dion's

July

Bank of the West

August

Directory Plus

September

Pic Quik

October

El Paso Electric

November

Mesilla Valley Maze

December

Arbors of Del Rey

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Openings, honors mark 2012 Year in Business



Mayor Ken Miyagishima speaks during the ribbon cutting for Positive Energy Solar, an October event in which all three local chambers of commerce participated.



Cars and pedestrians swarm up Main Street following ceremonies marking the reopening of Main Street to vehicle traffic Nov. 17.



A confetti shower erupts at a celebration at the announcement of 130 new jobs at Sitel. Gov. Susana Martinez and New Mexico Secretary of Economic Development Jon Barela attended the April event.

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In spring, the Small Business Administration named Cynthia Jonasson of DENCO Inc. National Prime Contractor of the year.



Jack Key cuts the ribbon at the Jack Key Kia dealership grand opening in July, while his son and general manager Kevin Key watches intently. The store relocated from a North Main Street location it shared with Jack Key Jeep and Chrysler.



The accounting firm Beasley, Mitchell & Co. LLP celebrated its 25th anniversary with charitable contributions to New Mexico State University and other local recipients. Pictured are founding partner Don Beasley and his son and partner, Brad Beasley.



Family, friends and colleagues packed the Barbara Hubbard Room in May at NMSU to celebrate an honorary business degree presented by Doña Ana Community College to Larry Allen of Allen Theatres Inc.



Phil San Filippo joined the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau in spring as the new executive director and kicked off a number of programs, including Stay Sunny Awards for tourism employees who exemplify customer service.



La Posta de Mesilla completed a major expansion in summer 2012, including a cantina, courtyard and additional space for private parties.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-0307-CV-2012-01364

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust 2006-S1, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER L. PEARCY and, if married, JANE DOE PEARCY, (True Name Unknown), his spouse; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IRS), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5903 Moonview Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 18 in Block B of vista De La Montana, Phase I Correction, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 30, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 174-175, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 6, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$156,353.26 and the same bears interest at 6.375% per annum from August 16, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,850.47. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

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12/28, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2012-00633

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHAEL A. ALVILLAR;
NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE
FINANCE AUTHORITY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3842 Marble View Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particu-

larly described as follows:
Lot 22, Block 14, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE IV-B, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County, on October 14, 1991, in Book 17 Page(s) 94-97 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 14, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$163,654.74 and the same bears interest at 2.875% per annum from September 29, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,250.39. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
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12/28, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2012-00754

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT DOMINGUEZ, and if married, JANE DOE DOMINGUEZ (true name unknown), his spouse; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4072 Winters Street, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 8, OF STONEWAY SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON APRIL 21, 2003 IN PLAT BOOK 20, AT PAGES 317 AND 318 AS PLAT NO. 3754, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 7, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$123,022.82 and the same bears interest at 4.875% per annum from July 2, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,056.19. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special

Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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Special Master
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Pub # 12550
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12/28, 2012

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2010-02285

AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

VINH Q. TRAN, a married man as his sole and separate property, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 813 Bonnie Court, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88008, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 45, Block 3, Mason Farms Subdivision Unit 2, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County as Plat No. 4040 on 10/26/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 18-21 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on January 11, 2013, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Aurora

Loan Services LLC.

Aurora Loan Services LLC was awarded a Judgment on October 6, 2011, in the principal sum of \$133,018.00, plus outstanding interest on the balance through October 22, 2011, in the amount of \$12,025.61, plus late charges of \$268.08, plus recoverable/escrow balance in the amount of \$2,548.89, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through October 22, 2011 in the sum of \$456.37, with interest on the Judgment including late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 6.50% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Aurora Loan Services LLC and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

P R O S P E C T I V E PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By:
Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
2222 Park West NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
(505) 228-8484

Pub # 12551
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21,
12/28, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-12-00155

**COMPASS BANK, an
Alabama banking institution,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

CHARLES A. HOPP, SYLVIA D. HOPP and CHRISTINE A. HURAYT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of January, 2013, at 1:15 p.m., at the

front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue (corner of Alameda and Picacho), Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title, and interest of Defendants Charles A. Hopp, Sylvia D. Hopp, and Christine A. Hurayt in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property which is the subject of this action (the "Real Property") is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is described as follows:

Lot numbered 1 in Block numbered A of White Sage Subdivision, Phase 2 at Sonoma Ranch North, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said White Sage Subdivision, Phase 2 at Sonoma Ranch North, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on September 13, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 775-778.

The real property or its address is commonly known as 4520 Russian Sage Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011.

This is an action by Plaintiff upon indebtedness and foreclosure of a mortgage, and the sale will be made to satisfy a Summary Judgment and Default Judgment and Order of Foreclosure entered by the Court on November 29, 2012 (the "Judgment") in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of \$369,503.48 as of October 10, 2012, plus interest at the rate of \$52.42 per day from October 10, 2012 until paid, plus costs of collection and foreclosure including reasonable attorney fees, plus additional costs of collection and suit as described in the Judgment.

Should any judgment holder, including Plaintiff, herein bid and/or become the purchaser of the Real Property at the foreclosure sale, it may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser or purchasers at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the above-described Real Property, subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The Special Master is empowered, without notice, to postpone the time and date of the Special Master's sale in the event the Special Master deems postponement advisable.

The Real Property will be sold as is, subject to any and all easements, encumbrances, covenants, restrictions, taxes and other claims not foreclosed by this action.

SPECIAL MASTER
Douglas R. Boberg
141 Mimosa Lane
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Phone: (575) 644-9469

Pub # 12552
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21,
12/28, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2010-02655

**COMPASS BANK, an
Alabama banking institution,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

BRENT WESTMORELAND, a/k/a W. Brent Westmoreland, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, and CITIBANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION f/k/a CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of January, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue (corner of Alameda and Picacho), Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title, and interest of Defendant Brent Westmoreland and the other Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property which is the subject of this action (the "Real Property") is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is described as follows:


Lots numbered 10K and 11C in Block numbered 12 of Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Amendment #2 of Subdivision "C", Blocks #12, 13, 14 and 15, as Corrected, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Amendment #2 of Subdivision "C", Blocks 12, 13, 14 and 15, as Corrected, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on July 17, 1967 in Plat Book 10, Folio 10-12.

This is an action by Plaintiff upon indebtedness and foreclosure of a mortgage, and the sale will be made to satisfy a Stipulated Judgment and Default Judgment and Order of Foreclosure entered by the Court on November 20, 2012 (the "Judgment") in favor of Plaintiff in the aggregate principal amount of \$375,359.62, plus costs of collection and foreclosure including reasonable attorney fees, plus additional costs of collection and suit as described in the Judgment.

Should any judgment holder, including Plaintiff, herein bid and/or become the purchaser of the Real Property at the foreclosure sale, it may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser or purchasers at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the above-described Real Property, subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The Special Master is empowered, without notice, to postpone the time and date of the Special Master's sale in the event the Special Master deems postponement advisable.

The Real Property will be sold as is, subject to any and all easements, encumbrances, covenants, restrictions, taxes



City of Las Cruces
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE


PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Las Cruces (City) uses an online auction service to dispose of obsolete, unusable, or surplus equipment, furnishings, vehicles and supplies.

The public is invited to view and bid on items by accessing PublicSurplus.com through a link on the City's webpage las-cruces.org. All sales are final.

For more information, please contact the City of Las Cruces Property Transfer & Disposal Coordinator at 575-541-2683, 575-541-2590 or auction@las-cruces.org

Pub # 11609
Dates 2/24 - 12/28, 2012



SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The South Central Solid Waste Authority uses a web-based auction service to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment. As items are available they will be posted to publicsurplus.com where the public is invited to view or submit bids using this online auction service.

For more information please contact the South Central Solid Waste Authority at 575.528.3709 or email scswa.prop@las-cruces.org.

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and other claims not foreclosed by this action.

The lots may be sold separately, or together.

SPECIAL MASTER

Douglas R. Boberg
141 Mimosa Lane
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88001
Phone: (575) 644-9469

Pub # 12553
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21,
12/28, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2012-01407

STERLING BANK & TRUST, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

**GARYTH R. CHARLES,
KEAR-CO., INC. D/B/A
PAYLESS HOMES and
KOKOPELLI MORTGAGE
COMPANY, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5279 Seminole Trail, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2], BLOCK 11, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 6, 1966, IN BOOK 9 PAGE 97 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on January 9, 2013, in front of the main entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Sterling Bank & Trust, FSB.

Sterling Bank & Trust, FSB was awarded a Judgment on November 19, 2012, in the principal sum of \$60,996.67, plus outstanding interest through November 15, 2012, in the amount of \$6,402.10 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$17.54 per day, plus late charges of \$215.40, plus escrow advances of \$73.95, plus an inspection fee in the amount of \$102.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$900.00 and costs in the amount of \$740.58, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 10.500% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

**P R O S P E C T I V E
PURCHASERS AT THE
SALE ARE ADVISED
TO MAKE THEIR OWN
EXAMINATION OF TITLE
AND THE CONDITION
OF THE PROPERTY AND
TO CONSULT THEIR
OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE
BIDDING.**

/s/ John A. Darden, III
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Pub # 12554
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21,
12/28, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-
201202011

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

**JEFFREY M. PAULEY, IF
LIVING, IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVEISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF JEFFREY M. PAULEY,
DECEASED AND RACHEL
C. PAULEY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Jeffrey M. Pauley, if Living, if Deceased, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Jeffrey M. Pauley, deceased.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 44 Tasmania Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

A Tract of land situate northeast of Los Cruces Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the S1/2 of Section 12, T. 21S, R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. surveys as part of a 30.108 acre tract previously conveyed and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod found in the center of a 60 foot wide road easement for the southwest corner of this tract, whence the section corner common to Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T.21S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears the following two courses and distance:

N. 89 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds W., a distance of 2428.59 feet to the Southwest corner of a 30.115 acre tract previously conveyed on the west line of Section 12; Thence along the west line of said

Section 12, S. 00 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds E., a distance of 989.97 feet to the section corner;

Thence from the place of beginning and leaving the center of a 60 feet wide road easement N. 00 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds W. 989.46 feet to an iron rod found at the northwest corner of this tract;

Thence S. 89 degrees 58 minutes 35 second E., 221.00 feet to an iron rod found at the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 00 degrees 07 minutes 55 seconds E., 989.41 feet to an iron rod set in the center of the 60 foot wide road easement for the southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the center of the 60 foot wide road easement N. 89 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds W., 220.78 feet to the place of beginning containing 5.017 acres of land, more or less.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC
By:
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 29th day of November, 2012.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: Nancy Heavner
Deputy
NM12-02170_FC01

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Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28,
2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-1273

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
successor in interest to ABN
AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
by merger, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RAMON T. FLOREZ aka
RAY FLOREZ; RAMONA L.
FLOREZ; BANK OF THE RIO
GRANDE, N.A.; RICK LOOK
dba PARADISE MATERIALS;
BRIAN BOUNDS,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex,

201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4602 Briareus Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 36, Block C, LA MANCHA ESTATES PHASE I AND IIA REPLAT NO. 1, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 24, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 537-540 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 29, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$459,742.12 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from July 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$15,193.53. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12569
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012
and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-01629

BOKE, N.A., a National

**Banking Association d/b/a
Bank of Oklahoma, as
Successor in Interest by
Merger to Bank of Oklahoma,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ED L. FREDERICKSON;
and SUSIAWATI
FREDERICKSON,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

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Parcel 1:

A certain 0.524 acre tract of land, being the west 118 feet of Tract "C" of a certain 14.531 acre tract, a part of Tracts 7 & 8 of subdivision lots 4 & 5 Brazito Tract or Hugh Stephenson Grant, also indicated on the U.S.R.S. Maps as a part of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B, lying in Sections 14 & 23, T.24S., R.2E., N.M.P.M., located about 5 miles southeast of Mesilla Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe, the northwest corner of this tract, a point in the west boundary of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B2 Tract 2, whence a concrete monument, the northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B, bears North 697.66 feet; thence S.89 deg., 06'E., 118.00 feet to the northeast corner of this tract; thence South 193.64 feet to the Southeast corner of this tract; Thence N. 89 deg., 06'W. 118.00 feet to an iron pipe, the southwest corner of this tract; thence along the west side of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B, North 193.64 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2:

A certain 0.4445 acre tract of land, being a westerly position of Tract C of a certain 14.531 acres tract of land, part of tracts 7 & 8, Subdivision Lots 4 & 5 Brazito Tract, also indicated as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B, lying in Sec. 14 & 23 T.24S., R.24S., R.24E. N.M.P.M., located about 5 miles southeast of Mesilla Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a 5/8" iron rod, the Northwest corner of this tract, a point in the North boundary of Tract C, whence northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B bears N.89 deg. 06'W., 118.00 feet and North 697.66 feet; thence along north boundary of said Tract C, S.89 deg. 06'E., 100.00 feet to an iron rod, the northeast corner of this Tract; thence South 193.64 feet to an iron rod, the Southeast corner of this Tract; thence along south boundary of said Tract C, N.89 deg. 06'W. 100.00 feet to an iron

rod, the southwest corner of this tract; thence North 193.64 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.4445 acres of land, more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 20, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$86,754.79 and the same bears interest at 5.750% per annum from November 3, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$929.35. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12570
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28,
2012 and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-1208

US BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

**STEVE W. LEWIS; and
STACY LEWIS, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to

the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4100 Camino Belleza, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 2 IN BLOCK NUMBERED E OF PHASE 1 OF MISSION ESPADA PHASE 1 AND 2A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PHASE 1 OF MISSION ESPADA PHASE 1 AND 2A FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 24, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 534-536.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 14, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$498,948.86 and the same bears interest at 6.8750% per annum from October 17, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$7,988.31. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12571
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28,
2012 and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Cause No. CV 2012 - 02028

Judge Steven L. Bell

FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

**MICHAEL D. AVELAR and
LETICIA B. AVELAR, hus-
band and wife, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 10th day of January, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following real property located in said County and State:

LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 34, COUNTRY CLUB MESA ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 29, 1953, RECORDED IN BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 46, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

with a Parcel ID Number of 02-05066, and which currently has the street address of 1520 Sacramento St., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001-2100.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment on the Pleadings, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale, and Appointment of Special Master, entered on December 5, 2012, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$44,189.61, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 5.125% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$6.2047054 for 36 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$223.37, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit their bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash at the sale.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in her sole discretion, telephone each

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bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. All prospective bidders are notified that they are responsible for making their own determination as to the extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's sale.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 11th day of December, 2012.

/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Special Master
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Telephone (575) 642-5567

Submitted by:

Kelly P. Albers
LAW OFFICE OF KELLY P. ALBERS, P.C.
650 Montana Avenue, Suite D
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Telephone (575) 527-9064

Pub # 12572
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28,
2012 and 1/4, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 13, 2012, William J. Frost, 1109 W. Taylor Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-15389-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15389-POD1, located on land owned by the applicant within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 27, T22S, R01E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-15389-POD2 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 180 ft. below ground surface with 6-inch casing located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 27 on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,463,540 Y=496,891 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the continued diversion of 6.75 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 1.5 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 27. Wells LRG-15389-POD1 and proposed well LRG-15389-POD2 are located approximately 850 ft. east northeast of the intersection of Taylor Rd. and N. Valley Dr. at the physical address of 1109 W. Taylor Rd., northwest of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Well LRG-15389-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corpo-

ration or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12573
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28,
2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No. 12-0258
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNEEN LAUB, Deceased

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANNEEN LAUB, DECEASED

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND INFORMAL PROBATE

Kathy Kitchens, LLC, Personal Representative of the Estate of Anneen Laub, deceased, hereby, gives the following notice:

- By Order filed December 4, 2012, the Court informally appointed Kathy Kitchens, LLC, Post Office Box 14122, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88013, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anneen Laub, deceased, to serve without bond, in an informal probate, and admitted Decedent's original Last Will and Testament, dated January 6, 2009, to probate herein; thereafter, Letters Testamentary and Acceptance were issued to Kathy Kitchens, LLC (hereafter "Personal Representative").
- No bond was required by the Court and none has been filed.
- The Court where the papers concerning the administration of the Estate are on file is: Probate Court, County of Doña Ana, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007; Case No.: 12-0258.
- The Estate is being admin-

istered by the Personal Representative in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Probate Code as adopted in New Mexico.

5. Interested persons within the meaning of NMSA 1978, § 45-1-201(A)(26) (2011) are entitled to receive from the Personal Representative information regarding the administration of this Estate, and can petition a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter relating to the Estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

6. The attorney for the Personal Representative is the Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, 255 W. Hadley Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, telephone: (575) 526-3312.

Dated this 6th day of
December, 2012.

s/ Kathy Kitchens, LLC,
Personal Representative
c/o Law Office of Katherine N.
Blackett, PC
Post Office Box 2132
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004
Telephone: (575) 526-3312/
Facsimile: (877) 457-7213

Pub # 12577
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28,
2012 and 1/4, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 24, 2012, Tom J. Bagwell and Denise K. Bagwell, 205 Old Mill Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-1273 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a new well to be located within the NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 27' 33.69"N, 106° 53' 56.06"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-1273 located within the NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 27' 35.01"N, 106° 53' 55.99"W NAD83, on land owned by Thomas and Shawna Runyan, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.01 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM. The site for proposed supplemental well LRG-1273 POD2 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the property address of 205 Old Mill Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the

writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12581
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28,
2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 19, 2012, Jeffrey W. and April L. Pierce, 2210 S. Valley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-15410 POD1, OSE File No. LRG-15410, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-07940, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°13'8.277"N, 106°46'56.127"W, NAD83, on land owned by John M. Fowler, and drill a replacement well, LRG-15410 POD1, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°12'50.971"N, 106°46'23.022"W NAD83, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 4.10 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 02 East and SE1/4 of projected Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 02 East NMPM, as described by Subfile No. LRG-28-013-0368-A and LRG-28-013-0368-B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 36, T23S, R 1E, and the NW1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 1, T24S, R1E, NMPM. Existing well LRG-1475 is located at the physical address 2559 Calle Tenebroso, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Wells LRG-12118 and LRG-12118-S will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone

number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12582
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and
1/4, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 29, 2012, Roger H. & Sally P. Hunter Family Trust, 2550 Calle Tenebroso, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG1475 under OSE file LRG-12118-1 & 2, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-12118 and LRG-12118-S located at X=1,472,328 Y=457,328 and X=1,473,995 Y=459,002, NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, owned by applicants and Carroll Bradford respectively and using existing well LRG-1475, located at X=1472813.5 Y=457573.1 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by John Flexnor for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.65 acres of land, as described by Subfile No.: LRG-28-013-0368-A and LRG-28-013-0368-B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 36, T23S, R 1E, and the NW1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 1, T24S, R1E, NMPM. Existing well LRG-1475 is located at the physical address 2559 Calle Tenebroso, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Wells LRG-12118 and LRG-12118-S will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval

of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12583
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and
1/4, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 20, 2012 William M. & Norma Jean Provenco, 6342 Bad Archer Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-3662 POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-3662 & LRG-3662-S located at Lat/Long 32°24'2.81"N 106°49'37.54"W and 32°24'3.81"N 106°49'25.23"W WGS84 respectively, located on land owned by Godfrey Barela & Verl Wilson respectively, and drilling a new well to the depth of 180 feet for 8-inch casing to be located at approximately Lat/Long 32°24'2.8"N 106°49'34.68"W WGS84 on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from EBID for the irrigation of 1.27 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within NE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 01 East, NMPM. The new well site will be located north of Las Cruces and may be found at the physical address of 6342 Bad Archer Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Wells LRG-3662 and LRG-3662-S will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory

Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Pub # 12582
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and
1/4, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011-02888

BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,

v.

**SONIA M. FABRO,
AS PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
ESTATE OF ANTHONY G.
SEPULVEDA, DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN
SURVIVING SPOUSE OF
ANTHONY G. SEPULVEDA,
DECEASED AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
SONIA M. FABRO, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 15, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 219, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE I, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 83-91 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 2828 San Miguel Court, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 27, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-de-

scribed real estate in the sum of \$149,501.75 plus interest from March 1, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Pub # 12585
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and
1/4, 1/11, 2013

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-0307-CV-2012-00649

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

**JULIETTA R. DIAZ, LUIS
NOLASCO AKA LUIS C.
NOLASCO AND THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION & REVENUE,
Defendant(s).**

scribed real estate in the sum of \$149,501.75 plus interest from March 1, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM11-02202_FC01

Pub # 12585
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and
1/4, 1/11, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-2012-00649

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

**JULIETTA R. DIAZ, LUIS
NOLASCO AKA LUIS C.
NOLASCO AND THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION & REVENUE,
Defendant(s).**

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NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 5 in Block G of Sedona Hills Subdivision 2 at SONOMA RANCH EAST, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 21, 2003 and recorded in Book 20 at pages 476-478, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 4240 Southern Canyon LP, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 21, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$357,373.03 plus interest from May 4, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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ments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-201201687

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**BRYAN J. GABITZSCH,
MONICA M. GABITZSCH,
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF BRYAN J. GABITZSCH,
IF ANY AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF MONICA M. GABITZSCH,
IF ANY, Defendant(s).**

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Lot 15, Block D, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES NO. 24-PHASE 3, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on May 6, 2004, in Book 20 Pages 661-662 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 650 Lori Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale

will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on October 31, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$248,618.65 plus interest from August 27, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-201201251

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**MARK A. AMEZQUITA,
CRISTA B. PIERCE AKA
CRISTA B. AMEZQUITA,
WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., COUNTRY CLUB
ESTATES HOMEOWNER'S
ASSOCIATION INC., THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MARK A. AMEZQUITA, IF
ANY AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF CRISTA B.
PIERCE AKA CRISTA B.
AMEZQUITA, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

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Master will on January 15, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Apartment Unit B, 1020 Ivydale Drive, being situated at Lot 10, Block 109, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES NO. 3 PLAT NUMBER 4, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 705, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 23, 1968, and recorded in Book 10, Page 14, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. As established by Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions dated March 26, 1979, recorded in Book 133, Pages 241-260, Miscellaneous Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 1020 Ivydale Dr, Unit B, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 24, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate

in the sum of \$125,232.20 plus interest from June 12, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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if any.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-201201517

**JAMES B. NUTTER &
COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

v.

**THOMAS L. SHAW, IF
LIVING, IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF THOMAS L. SHAW,
DECEASED, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
BY AND THROUGH
THE SECRETARY OF
HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
THOMAS L. SHAW, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

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said County and State:

Lot numbered 2 of the Replat of Lots 41 and 51, in Block numbered B of Second Amended Plat of El Encanto Estates, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Second Amended Plat of El Encanto Estates, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 6, 1971 in Plat Book 10, Folio 75.

The address of the real property is 1436 Wofford Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 6, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$107,538.25 plus interest from September 26, 2012 to the date of sale at the variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2011-02268

**BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO BAC HOME
LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA
COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**CARL VIGLIONE AKA
CARL T. VIGLIONE AND
FRANCESCA M. VIGLIONE,
Defendant(s).**

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said County and State:

Lot 22, Block 1, MESILLA PARK MANOR REPLAT NO. 4C, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 6, 1978, In Book 12 Page(s) 163-164 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 909 Raleigh Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005-7718. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on March 12, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$334,326.96 plus interest from March 19, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-201201432

**GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**GILDARDO AVILA JR.,
CLAUDIA CHAVEZ, THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
GILDARDO AVILA, JR., IF
ANY, HSBC MORTGAGE
SERVICES INC. AND
DISCOVER BANK,
Defendant(s).**

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Lot 5A in Block C of Legends West Subdivision Phase 1, Replat No. 1, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 11, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at pages 159, plat records.

The address of the real property is 2859 Lake Valley Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 19, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$152,839.40 plus interest from July 23, 2012 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and

Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-201201079

**PNC BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION,
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST
TO NATIONAL CITY
REAL ESTATE SERVICES
LLC, SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO NATIONAL
CITY MORTGAGE, INC.,
FORMERLY KNOWN
AS NATIONAL CITY
MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff,**

v.

**J. BROOKS WOLLE,
JR. AKA J. WOLLE, JR.,
M. MICHELLE WOLLE
AND CITIFINANCIAL
MORTGAGE COMPANY,**

INC., Defendant(s).

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Lot 5 in Block A of Mesilla Park Manor, Plat No. 3A, located in the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 8, 1962 and recorded in Book 1 at Pages 61, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 105 Capri Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 14, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$76,474.60 plus interest from November 5, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2012-01791

**BOKE, N.A., A
NATIONAL BANKING
ASSOCIATION D/B/A
BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST
BY MERGER TO BANK
OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**SAMUEL JOE HAYS JR.
AND LEANNE J. HAYS AKA
LEANNE JANEL HAYS,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot numbered 128 in Block numbered C of Los Enamorados Estates final Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 27, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722-727, ratification of Plat and dedication filed of record on September 12, 2006, recorded in Book 745, Page (s) 801 and in Book 745, page (s) 802, records of Doña Ana county, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 4712 Diamante Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address

of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 14, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$136,402.62 plus interest from September 24, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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NOTICE is hereby given that on October 23, 2012, Kim Lloyd Watne, 1100 Rainbow Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-15407-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-15407-POD1 and LRG-15407-POD2, on land owned by the applicant and located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 30, T23S, R02E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-15407-POD3 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 180 ft. below ground surface with 4-inch casing located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 30 on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,475,109 Y=466,314 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater or that amount required for beneficial use for domestic purposes associated with a residence located at the physical address of 1100 Rainbow Dr. Wells LRG-15407-POD1 and LRG-15407-POD2 and proposed well LRG-15407-POD3 are located approximately 1,800 ft. south southwest of the intersection of W. Boutz Rd. and Stern Dr. at said physical address, Las Cruces, NM. Wells LRG-15407-POD1 and LRG-15407-POD2 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights*; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12594
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 2013

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

December 2012

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES

AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses:

Description
VIN#
REGISTERED OWNER

1993 GMC PICKUP BLACK
1GTEC14H4PZ525166
GERMAN AMAYA

1986 OLDSMOBILE 2DOOR MAROON
1G3GM47AXGR322031
CRUZ CISNEROS

1999 OLDSMOBILE VAN BRONZE
1GHDX03E3XD119601
SYLVIA MARTINEZ

1990 TOYOTA 4 DOOR SILVER
4T1SV21E7LU278063
PAUL BARELA

1988 FORD VAN WHITE
1FTDD1479JHA76452
HOMERO URIBE

1996 YAMAHA 4 WHEELER GREEN
JY44UHA03TA000266
ALBERT SIMMONS

1974 FORD PICKUP BLACK
F10YRT64339
JOSE JIMENEZ

1992 BUICK 4 DOOR SILVER
1G4AG54R0N6447160
MARIBEL SANCHEZ

1985 DODGE PICKUP GRAY
1B7GD14T6FS699371
MATTHEW SAVAGE

1991 TOYOTA CAMRY 4DR WHITE
4T1SV24EXMU442449
FRANCISCO HURTADO

1994 HONDA 4 DOOR BLACK
1HGEG8563RL015134
DAVID JAURIAGUE

1996 FORD PICKUP SILVER
1FTEF15Y5TLB38872
MANUEL NIETO

1989 LINCOLN 2 DOOR GRAY
1LNBM92E4KY757302
NOEL AGUILAR

1997 PONTIAC 4 DOOR WHITE
1G2NE52T4VM511128
CELIA HERNANDEZ

2001 FORD MUSTANG YELLOW
1FAFP40451F151162
MARCIELA FAJARDO

1995 TOYOTA PICKUP WHITE
4TAUN53B8SZ017894
THOMAS HARDING

1995 OLDSMOBILE 4 DOOR WHITE
1G3AJ55M4S6386237
MARIA GUERRERO

1988 LINCOLN 4 DOOR SILVER
1LNBM81F8JY823823
NORMA HERNANDEZ

1988 FORD PICKUP BLACK
2FTDF15Y6JCA37889

GABRIEL VILLASENOR

1975 FORD PICKUP BROWN
F15YLW03348
JUSTIN SNYDER

1996 FORD PICKUP WHITE
1FTEF15Y2TLA63354
FELIX VASQUEZ

If you do not demand judicial review within 30 calendar days from the date this notice was published by filing a claim for

the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle.

Pub # 12595
Date 12/21, 12/28, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that

on November 27, 2012, Salopek 6U Farms, Inc. (Contact: James Salopek), 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1241 POD6 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1241 and using proposed replacement well LRG-

1241 POD6 located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 02 East (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 18.66"N, 106° 46' 16.93"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District

Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 108.304 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 02 East (NMPM), and S1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range

02 East (NMPM). Move-from well LRG-1241 is located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 02 East (NMPM), and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 18.829"N, 106° 46' 16.817"W NAD83. The site for the proposed supplemental well LRG-1241 POD6 is located in the southern part of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physi-

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cal address 6038 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM.

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Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201202440

PHH MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

LORETTA RAMIREZ
AKA LORETTA SALAS, IF
LIVING, IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEWISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF LORETTA RAMIREZ
AKA LORETTA SALAS,
DECEASED, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Loretta Ramirez aka Loretta Salas, if Living, if Deceased and the Unknown Heirs, Devises, or Legatees of Loretta Ramirez aka Loretta Salas, Deceased.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1210 Onate Street, Anthony, NM 88021, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 35, DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county

as Plat No. 3734 on 03/20/2003 in Book 20 Page(s) 289-90 of Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Robert Lara
Electronically Filed
Robert Lara
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 12th day of December, 2012.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM12-02362_FC01

Pub # 12598
Dates 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 1/11, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2010-00342

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff,

v.

JESUS B. BRIVIESCA, MARIA S. BRIVIESCA AND OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 20 in Block numbered M of Sandhill Center Heights Phase 7, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sandhill Center Heights Phase 7, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 17, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 625-626.

The address of the real property is 1230 Lea Ranch Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address

of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on April 2, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$158,266.99 plus interest from the date of sale at the rate of 7.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
P.O. Box 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004

NM00-00828_FC01

Pub # 12599
Dates 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-200900812

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH M. MEZA, CRUCES EQUITY INVESTMENTS, INC., CACH, LLC, COUNTRYWIDE HOMES LOANS, INC. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE JOSEPH M. MEZA, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 22, Block 3 of CANYON POINT 2 SUBDIVISION, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on MARCH 5, 1996 and recorded in Book 18 at Pages 426-427, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 691 Mesa Point Road, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 15, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$146,689.21 plus interest from March 1, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these condi-

tions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
Special Master
P.O. Box 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004

NM00-04393_FC01

Pub # 12600
Dates 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 2013

NOTICE IS hereby given that on November 26, 2012, Dipp Farms, LLC., 100 N. Ochoa, El Paso, TX 79901, together with AXA Equitable Life Insurance Co, filed application numbered LRG-1674 POD6 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-1674 POD6 to an approximate depth of 1,100 feet with a 16-inch casing, located at Lat/Long: 32°01'17.17"N 106°37'45.24"W WGS84, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 363.41 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 and SE1/4 of projected Section 28, T 26S, R 3E, Pt. SW1/4 of projected Section 27, T 26S, R 3E, and Pt. NW1/4 Pt. SW1/4 Pt. NE1/4 and Pt. SE1/4 of projected Section 34, T 26S, R 3E, NMPM as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0151 & LRS-28-014-0156 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed well LRG-1674 POD6 will be located approximately 7,900 ft. north of the intersection of Dairy Farm Rd. and Washington St. The new well site may be found at the physical address of 800 Washington St.

Any person, firm or corpora-

tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12601
Dates 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 1/11, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB-12-104 (Martin)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLINE OROZCO SEDILLO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: December 19, 2012.

/s/ Robert Allen Jessop
Personal Representative of the Estate of Caroline Orozco Sedillo, Deceased

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub # 12602
Dates 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB-2012-80 (Arrieta)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRIE THERESA LUCAS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: December 20, 2012.

/s/ Todd Lucas
Personal Representative of the Estate of Brie Theresa Lucas, Deceased.

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES,
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub # 12603
Dates 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV 12-2444

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Nosratullah Khajavi FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nosratullah Khajavi, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Nosratullah Khajavi to Nosrat Khajavi, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 22 day of January 2013, at the hour of 3:45 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Nosratullah Khajavi
2001 E. Lohman Ave. #110-302
Las Cruces, NM 88001
702-885-7777

Pub # 12604
Dates 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 2, 2012, Debra Lisa Draluck, 695 Rel Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-15414 POD 1, OSE File No. LRG-15414, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRN08-0127, also known as LRG-11840, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°20'49.465"N, 106°48'23.781"W NAD 1983, on land owned by Al Kientz, and drilling replacement well, LRG-15414 POD1, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°20'56.785"N, 106°48'17.496"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.45 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 01 East NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRN-28-008-0299A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well, LRG-15414 POD1, is located north of Las Cruces, approximately 0.21 miles northwest of the intersection of Dona Ana Rd. and Engler Rd. Existing well LRN08-0127, also known as LRG-11840, will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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Dates 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 1/11, 2013

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SPECIAL NOTICES

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

LOOKING BACK ON 2012 IN
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

It was a very good year

Centennial spirit filled the Mesilla Valley in 2012

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

100 celebrations, 100 years

2012 started off with a bang: as the Land of Enchantment entered its 100th year, festivities of all kinds marked the occasion. An official centennial parade – 100 minutes long for 100 years of statehood – with more than 100 entries made its way through Downtown Las Cruces on Jan. 7. At 11:35 that morning, New Mexico was officially 100 years and one day old – a milestone marked by an F-22 flyover. Museum shows, gallery openings, city events and musical performances also celebrated the anniversary, with the festivities continuing throughout the year.

All things art

Our state's centennial year was also a banner year for art in Las Cruces. February marked the 14th annual For the Love of Art Month in the City of the Crosses, a month-long celebration of the visual and performing arts. Gallery openings, special events, artist showcases, performances and a large art show at the Las Cruces Convention Center were just part of the festivities.

The second annual Las Cruces Arts Fair, started by the Doña Ana Arts Council, opened at the LCCC in March, with booths from more than 80 artists working in a wide range of media. Proceeds from the event were used to continue the DAAC's mission of keeping the arts alive in southwest New Mexico.

The DAAC also held the Community Art Awards,

in its 26th year, at the end of May, honoring the organizations, individuals and businesses that support the arts in Las Cruces. This year's festival goers donned Panama hats and tropical patterns to keep with this year's theme, "Havana Nights."

Downtown, an ever-growing hub for the arts, was the place to be this year. The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market convened every Wednesday and Saturday on the newly opened Main Street, with more room and vendors than ever before. The monthly Downtown Art Ramble, held the first Friday of each month, drew happy crowds to a number of galleries and museums offering artist openings, refreshments and live entertainment.

All the world's a stage

2012 was filled with performing arts of all kind, with a number of annual events, as well as a few new surprises.

The New Mexico State University Center for the Arts, the new home of the theater and dance departments and one of a three-phase plan to consolidate the arts into a district on campus, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in December. The 59,000-square-foot Center for the Arts features classrooms, faculty and staff offices and a stunning 466-seat theatre.

The Las Cruces Community Theatre celebrated its 50th year in April with an extended season of seven shows, including the musical "Man of La Mancha," one of the first LCCT productions, and Mark Medoff's "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?"

The No Strings Theatre Company, residents of Downtown's Black Box Theatre, offered Las Cruces a variety of live performances to choose from. It wasn't all acting, though. Several big-name

musical acts came through our humble city in 2012, including stars Brad Paisley, Alan Jackson and Brantley Gilbert, as well as blues-rockers the Black Keys, who took the stage at the Pan American Center with Canadian sister-sister duo Tegan & Sara. Summer saw the Vans Warped Tour return to Las Cruces, offering a variety of rock, punk and alternative music to the heat-braving crowds.

The International Mariachi Conference also wowed audiences for its 19th year, offering Sunday shows on the Mesilla Plaza, as well as a November festival with performances by Ezequiel Peña, Las Colibris and Mariachi Cobre, as well as a student showcase.

Eat, drink and be merry

The City of the Crosses welcomed several new restaurants into the community, both small, local eateries and national chains. The Main Street Bistro & Ale House, Savoy de Mesilla and A Bite of Belgium were just a few of the locally owned restaurants that opened their doors in 2012. Larger chains including Jason's Deli and Jimmy Johns also came to Las Cruces, adding to Las Cruces' ever-expanding palates.

Tour de Beers came to the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds in July, offering Las Cruces' first ever full-scale beer festival, modeled after the wildly popular Southern New Mexico Wine Festivals, held on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. La Viña Winery, located in La Mesa, also held a wine festival in April.

It wasn't just drinks that drew festival crowds. SalsaFest!, organized by the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, held its fourth annual celebration in August, with a salsa competition, taste-testing,

car show and even a best-dressed Chihuahua contest. And of course, the Hatch Chile Festival, the yearly celebration of that most cherished ingredient, had its 41st anniversary in September.

August's Men Who Cook, an annual event and fundraiser for Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation, featured more than 60 local chefs, as well as a silent auction and live entertainment.

Community comes together

Of course, there were a number of great annual events that don't fit neatly into any categories.

High Heels for High Hopes saw 21 women from the community come together to raise funds for the March of Dimes, with more than a month of events, culminating with a spectacular fashion show at the LCCC. The event raised more than \$164,000 for the organization dedicated to saving babies.

Springfest drew hundreds of children, adults and professional egg-seekers to search for some of the more than 24,000 eggs hidden around Young Park.

Rafting the Rio, the annual mass-float down the Rio Grande, took place in June, filling the river with hundreds of homemade seafaring vessels.

The night was alight in the Mesilla Valley for the annual city fireworks display for the Fourth of July.

September saw the return of the Whole Enchilada Fiesta, and November's Renaissance ArtsFaire celebrated its 41st year in the Mesilla Valley, drawing more than 25,000 people to Young Park for a weekend of art, performance, food and fun with a Renaissance twist. As our hundredth year neared its close, thousands of people turned out to the City of Las Cruces City Hall to watch the lighting of the city Christmas tree, as lights adorned the sides of Main Street.

It was a bright end to an even brighter year, and one can only hope 2013 will be as good.



Featured Author: *Doug Fine*

Author Doug Fine is flying high off his newest work

‘Too High to Fail’ covers economic impact of cannabis cultivation

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Journalist and author Doug Fine, who resides at the Funky Butte Ranch, “a carbon neutral paradise” outside of Silver City, has tackled a range of topics as both a freelance journalist and the author of three books.

His first, “Not Really an Alaskan Mountain Man,” followed him as he, an East Coast city-dwelling, continent-hopping freelance journalist, attempts to live and work in rural Alaska.

Fine followed that with his critically praised and best-selling “Farewell, My Subaru: An Epic Adventure in Local Living,” which brought him to New Mexico. The book chronicles the author’s attempt to live sustainably, converting his truck to biofuels, installing solar panels and cultivating his own food – all without giving up the comforts of modern living.

The book, now in its seventh printing, earned Fine a great deal of media attention, and he soon found himself being interviewed on outlets including CNN and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

“Too High to Fail: Cannabis and the New Green Economic Revolution,” published in August and almost immediately a best-seller, addresses the economic and social impacts of the legalization of cannabis, an issue of particular concern to us not only as Americans, but as Americans in southwest New Mexico, close to the near-constant drug related violence of the border region.

“I normally wake here on my ranch to the sound of hummingbird wings at the birdfeeder it’s so quiet,” Fine said of one day in 2009. “One day though, it’s like the final scene of ‘Goodfellas’ – helicopters, all that jazz.”

“It turns out that it’s my neighbor, a retiree, getting raided on a tip for something like 11 plants he was using to medicate. This was a huge interagency interdiction task force – dozens of white SUVs, guys trying to look inconspicuous with earpieces standing around in my creek bed.

“That,” he said, “was putting my family at risk, with major weapons, not to mention being a huge waste of taxpayer dollars, which our whole 40-year, trillion-dollar war on drugs is.”

The tax money spent on this type of operation, Fine pointed out, is the same tax money “not going to busting the mayor of Columbus, who is now a convicted cartel member, whose job was supplying American weapons south of the border. So I said, ‘That’s it. Too much, too close to home.’”

Fed up with the wasted tax dollars, the ever-increasing prison population and the violence both at home and over the border our nation’s war on drugs has caused, Fine saw this as a call to action, a reason to speak out and investigate, which he did – in a unique, academic and hilarious way.

Valentine’s Day 2011, Fine moved himself and his family to Mendocino County, in northern California’s “emerald triangle,” the area where the highest-quality American cannabis is cultivated – legally – to see firsthand the agricultural, social, legal and economic effects of the legalization and regulation of cannabis cultivation.

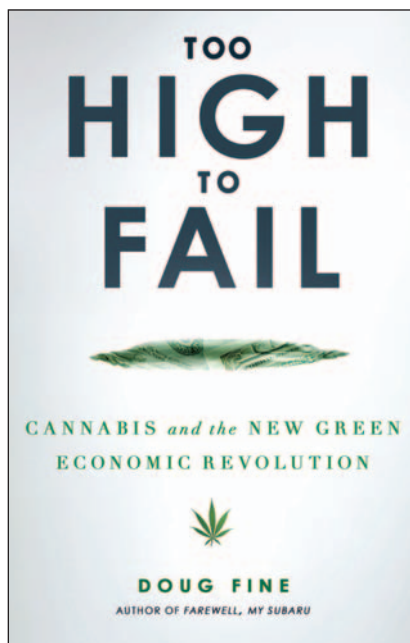
Mendocino operates the “Ordinance 9.31” zip-tie program, under which farmers are permitted by the local government and law enforcement to cultivate up to a certain number, currently 99, of cannabis plants. Each plant is registered with the sheriff’s office and marked with a bright-yellow zip-tie, denoting its registration. The zip ties cost an individual farmer, on average, more than \$8,000 annually, resulting in more than \$600,000 in revenue that supported the local economy, as well as prevent the loss of seven deputy sheriffs whose positions were on the line due to budgetary concerns.

“Mendocino,” Fine said, “is the first county to say, ‘we’re not just going to permit our No. 1 crop, which is also America’s No. 1 cash crop. We’re going to save deputy and sheriff positions, help the bankrupted economy and reduce crime by acknowledging this \$6 billion local crop, which is what it’s worth just in this tiny county, compared to \$74 million for (wine) grapes.’”

“If you’re a young farmer, which would you choose?”

What Fine saw in Mendocino worked, and he “extrapolated what (he) learned about the economy there to what it would mean to the national economy.”

What it would mean for the country, Fine said, is “tens of billions of dollars in revenue a year, a great reduction in crime



FINE

“It is an amazing thing to see the people acting when the government will not.”

DOUG FINE,
Author, ‘Too High to Fail’

and prison population and a crippling of the cartels – which is especially important to us down here in southwest New Mexico.”

After spending some time getting to know the local farmers in Mendocino, Fine met one especially up-front, in-the-open cannabis cultivator, Tomas Balogh, who allowed the journalist to follow one of his plants, named Lucille, an “organically-grown, American-grown, tax-paying, cartel-hurting cannabis flower plant” through the growth, harvest and preparation phases of its life, all the way to the patient. Written before the 2012 elections, Fine’s book even predicts the changing drug policy the country saw in Colorado and Washington.

“It’s a great day to be an American,” Fine said of the elections. “It is an amazing thing to see the people acting when the government will not. It’s the greatest thing for American drug policy in 80 years. The people of Colorado and Washington overwhelmingly spoke, and it’s already changing drug policy.”

Fine thinks the next several years will see an increased acceptance of cannabis and a loosening of outdated drug policy nationally, as well as here in the Land of Enchantment.

“We’re progressive people,” he said, “we have a long history with the plant, many of our veterans are getting help from our very-successful medical program, and I think we should generate badly-needed revenue from this plant. Better than buying a 6-pack.”

Fine also points out this book wasn’t written as an “insider,” a cultivator. He wrote it, he said, for his children, his country and his state – a state that suffers, more seriously than most in the nation, from alcohol-related problems

“I wrote this as a father. I am not a cannabis farmer, I’m a journalist that went to California to study cannabis farmers – though I do think the plant is both industrially and socially great for New Mexico, for her economy and her public safety, and much safer than alcohol.”

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Museum goes LED

Efficient lights better for artifacts

In an effort to conserve energy, save money and protect artifacts, the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is replacing much of its gallery lighting with LED bulbs.

The museum is taking part in

El Paso Electric Co.'s new SCORE Plus Program, by which large, commercial energy customers can earn a significant rebate after installing the new, energy-efficient LED lights.

The LED bulbs use from 75 to 80 percent less electricity, emit less heat and last from seven to 10 years. The halogen bulbs that were previously used had to be replaced about every two years. Aside from the cost-saving advantages, Museum Exhibits Fabricator Bill Cook said the new lights are especially good for museums for other reasons.

"The LED lights are preferred for artifact conservation," said Cook, who did all of the installation of the new lighting. "It's best to have

non-ultraviolet light, especially for organic materials such as paper and fibers."

Cook attended a workshop several years ago where the LED lighting technology was promoted, but "it was too expensive back then."

The cost of the bulbs has gone down significantly in recent years.

The museum's first exhibit to get the new lighting was the saddle exhibit in the Horse & Cattle Barn a couple of months ago.

Cook recently installed the lights in the main building's Arts Corridor, Central Corridor, North Corridor, the Legacy Gallery, the Traditions Gallery, the Organ View Terrace and the Adventure Corral. Eventually, the lights will be installed in the Heritage Gallery.

With the installation of the new lights, the museum, which is part of the state's Department of Cultural Affairs, expects to save thousands of dollars each year on its electric bill.

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New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum January events

Speaker Series: Kit Carson: The Life of An American Border Man

7 p.m. January 10

Author David Remley will discuss his new book: "Kit Carson: The Life of an American Border Man," which strikes a balance between prevailing notions about this polarizing, quintessential western figure. Remley sees Carson as a complicated man struggling to master life on America's borders, those highly unstable areas where people of different races, cultures and languages met, mixed and fought – sometimes against each other, sometimes together, for the possession of home, hunting rights and honor. Remley has written four books on American western history. This program will take place in the museum's theater and admission is a suggested donation of \$2.

New Mexico History Class

January through March

Anyone interested in registering for this popular class may choose between two offerings – 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Jan. 8 through March 19, or 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays from Jan. 9 through March 20. There will be no class on Feb. 19-20. The cost is \$45 per person (there is a \$10 discount for members of the museum's Friends group). Space is limited to the first 30 people to sign up for each of the two classes, which fill up quickly each year. There are no papers to write, no exams to take, just a relaxed time to share facts and ideas about New Mexico's vibrant history. Jo Tice Bloom is the instructor. Registration and payment are required in advance.

Coming Soon Basic Loom Weaving for Children (Session I)

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 2

Children from fourth grade through high school are invited to join instructor Ric Rao for this fun class to learn basic loom weaving. Each child will create an original project on one of the museum's four harness looms. Students will warp their loom and begin weaving during the first session and complete their project during the second session. The cost is \$20 for both sessions (\$16 for Museum Friends members).



Jeff Berg chooses "Bless Me, Ultima" as one of the best movies of 2012.

Best movies of 2012

Independents beat out big budget Hollywood films

By Jeff Berg

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I keep a list of the films I view each year, and as I went through my 2012 version, it occurred to me that, once again, there really weren't any of the big box office draws on said list.

Of the top 25 money-makers of 2012 listed at boxofficemojo.com, I've seen only two, and one of those, "Ted," was by far the worst movie I saw all year. The other, "Argo," was quite the opposite, and if an opportunity arises for you to see that picture, do so.

Around 800 films were released this year, and even though I tried to see them all, I missed by several hundred.

I guess it is just a matter of taste over comic book/superhero, vampire or sequel, since most of the big moneymakers of 2012 relied on those types of plots.

I'm not sure what to think of all that, but while I try to figure it out, here is a list of my top films for 2012. A few are not yet in general release, so keep an eye out for a chance to see them.

Foreign films

"Guilty"

An intense French thriller based on the true story of a man who was wrongly charged with abusing children and his fight to prove his innocence.

"Intouchables"

Another French film, and again based on a true story (this was a pattern for many movies this year), about a wealthy man confined to a wheelchair and the unique, daring and loving caretaker that he hires to care for him.

"The Day I Saw Your Heart"

Still another French film, sadly one of the bottom moneymakers of the year, which is a comedy/drama about a dysfunctional family, where a young woman's father announces, at his advanced age, that he is soon to be a father. Emotional repercussions ensue. A great little picture.

"Sister"

From Switzerland, this movie is about a young boy and his "sister" who try to eke out a living at a Swiss ski resort one winter. The boy is a thief, and the sister is, well, weak, shall we say. Remarkable cinematography is combined with a taut and often realistic storyline.

"Perfect Sense"

Certainly one of the more overlooked movies of the year, "Perfect Sense" stars Ewan McGregor and Eva Green as two people caught up in the chaos created by a plague that eliminates the senses one by one. Not sci-fi, per se, but certainly a unique and well written film to say the least.

Back in the U.S. of A.

"Any Day Now"

Back to the "based on a true story" stuff, this lovely and bittersweet film is about two gay lovers who attempt to adopt an abandoned Down syndrome boy in 1970s New York. Not many movies make me cry, but this one did.

"The Sessions"

Oh, so you want another film based on real life? Do try this one, in which a poet, confined to an iron lung, wants to be able to have a sexual relationship before he dies. Sex surrogate Helen Hunt takes on the task. A beautiful, moving and very daring picture.

"Ruby Sparks"

This one caught me by surprise, but I'm glad it did. The film, not based on a true story, is about a young author who "creates" the perfect girlfriend for himself via his creative imagination, but not without complications. The acting defines this well used story, and makes it very agreeable in many ways.

"God Bless America"

OK, so it's a dark, dark comedy about a guy and a young woman who travel around knocking off the repellant social miscreants of our so-called society, including some people who are talking in a movie theater. But it was so outrageously funny and insightful that it should be required viewing.

"Bless Me Ultima"

While not the best movie of the year, it struck home in several ways. It was beautifully made on a micro-budget and is completely New Mexico-centric, not to mention it is the first New Mexico movie based on a work by a native New Mexican author.

Honorable mention

"The Raid: Redemption"

Ultra violent and purely fiction, but the tension throughout ... wow.

"The Dynamiter"

A sad and strong story about a boy in Mississippi who longs for a family.

"Chinese Take Out"

Another French film, this is a comedy/drama about a man who tries to help a Chinese refugee who is out of options.

"Bullhead"

A dark Belgian drama about a man who revisits his violent life.

"Take this Waltz"

Sarah Polley's look at a woman who is happily married, but still finds refuge with another man.

Upcoming releases to take note of: "The Wall," "La Tableaux," "The Deep" (from Iceland), "Rust and Bone," "Lore," "This Must Be the Place" and "Holy Motors."

Sleeper of the Year:

"Father of Invention"

Kevin Spacey stars as a fallen infomercial king who just got out of prison.

So, that is it for another year. I hope you check out some of these titles and leave the vampires in the dark! Share your favorites of 2012 at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

MAIN STREET GALLERY presents "2 Sisters One Show" featuring Nancy Frost Begin and Susan Frost Hanssen. The show runs through December.

The Main Street Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY features a special holiday exhibit. Three artists – Wanda Fuselier, Greta Berger and Luke Tumblin – show new items with a Christmas or holiday theme. These range from ornaments made from found objects and fused-glass ornaments to the art of a very young talent.

The Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

THE POTTERIES OF MESILLA is having its annual fall exhibit and sale. New ceramic works and paintings are exhibited by Jeanne Rundell and Janice and Bill Cook.

The gallery/studio is located at 2260 Calle de Santiago, two blocks from the Mesilla Plaza, west of the Basilica of San Albino.

The Potteries store hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-0538.

NOPALITO'S GALERIA presents "Entwined Freedom," which includes works by Abby Osborne, Krista Kozel and Sarah Spina.

The exhibition runs through Sunday, Dec. 30.

Nopalito's Galeria is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 202-2476.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY will exhibit a number of historical photos in conjunction with the end of the state's centennial year.

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature two local artists for December: Bert Gammill and Naida Zucker.

Gammill is a multimedia artist primarily working in watercolor and oil. Her sketches are motivated by her own livestock and the subtle



"Organ Rays" by photographer Ali Keyes is among the work that will be on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, Suite A, for the month of January 2013.

landscapes of the Southwest.

Zucker's current endeavor is the mixed-media combination of gelatin monotyping (hectography) with digital photography to produce a one-of-a-kind art piece.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY displays the works of award-winning conceptual artists Marilyn Sahs for the month of December. Sahs is a professional, working mixed-media artist who spent her formative years in Cuxhaven, Germany, and now resides in Santa Fe. Sahs' work can best be described as "eclectic, sometimes playful, sometimes erotic and often complex."

The El Paso Electric Gallery is located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403.

OPENING

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature for the month of January the work of two photographers, Ali Keyes and Alexander Erickson.

Keyes uses a wide range of subject matter, studying in Virginia schools and under the supervision of her artist mother, who also owned an art gallery. Keyes has received numerous awards, is a member of a number of local art organizations and is on the board of the City of Las Cruces Art Loan Program.

Alexander Erickson, also from Las Cruces, specializes in the use of metallic photo

paper, capturing electrifying night storms.

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, Suite A. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

ROKOKO GALLERY will host an artists reception for participants in the "Refrigerator Art Show," from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, 2013. Art, food drink, music and a good time will be provided. The "Refrigerator Art Show" will be held Friday, Jan. 11, through Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013.

Rokoko Gallery is located at 1785 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information, call 405-8877 or visit www.rokokoart.com.

ONGOING

THE TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents Micah Pearson's "Digital Dreams," a show that moves through space and time, melding the realistic and the fantastical and demonstrating the potential for artistic expression using mixed-media including photography, hand drawing and digital modeling and manipulation. The exhibit will run through Jan. 30, 2013.

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. For more information, call 522-7281.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents "Mesilla Valley Weavers: Threads Through Time." This diverse exhibition

features 44 different woven works from the artists of the Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild. The exhibit will be in the arts corridor through March 2013.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Life in Reflection: The Photography of Mary Daniels Taylor," a retrospective exhibit of Mesilla artist Mary Daniels Taylor.

Taylor was an avid historian and photographer, and "Life in Reflection" is a peek into her journeys from candid shots of her children, beautiful landscapes and mesmerizing portraits of people she found on her travels. Taylor, who passed in 2007, was the wife of state Rep. J. Paul Taylor, who retired from the legislature in 2004. The exhibit will remain up through Jan. 26, 2013.

The Cultural Center also presents "Pueblo to Pueblo: The Legacy of Southwest Indian Pottery" Pueblo pottery is a beautiful artistic tradition of the American Southwest. It serves as a form of cultural identity for the Pueblo people while reflecting on influences from outside. "Pueblo to Pueblo" displays more than 100 years of artifacts that date from mid-19th to mid-20th centuries. The exhibition is drawn solely from the vast collections of Union Station and the Kansas City Museum.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

THE CUTTER GALLERY presents new works by Lyuba and Aleksander Titovets. Aleksander Titovets is Siberian born and was educated in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts from St. Petersburg University College of Fine Arts. Lyuba Titovets began painting at 5, and she earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Fine Arts from the University College of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, where she worked in stage and costume design and was involved in the development of an art history program.

The Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Las Cruces Collects," an exhibition of pieces from private art collections in the Las Cruces area. The pieces of four collections – from David Sudimack and Phil Born, Ammu and Rama Devasthali, David Sorenson and Charles Townley – will be on display through Jan. 19, 2013.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents "Rematerialized." The exhibition includes a group of nine contemporary artists from the United States and Canada who challenge conventions about what art can be, what art can be made from and how one operates as an artist. Their work focuses on the use

of objects, performances and spaces, recycled, reapplied, recast, recombined and re-contextualized from the everyday material world. Exhibition runs through Jan. 11, 2013.

The University Art Gallery is located in D.W. Williams Art Center at 1390 E. University Ave. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 646-2545 or visit www.nmsu.edu/artgal.

MOUNTAIN GALLERY will feature the Las Cruces Arts Association's miniatures show, in addition to co-op members' work. This show will run through the end of January 2013.

Mountain Gallery is located at 138 Mountain Ave. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call 652-3385.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER will display more than 100 original pieces of student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range from elementary to high school students. The student art shows have been a rotating fixture of Doña Ana County's main lobby since 2000.

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Galleries are located in the main lobby. For more information, call 525-5801.

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 12/28

7 p.m. Live music with Alister M, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Free. Call 527-5310.

Main Street Christmas Lights, along Downtown Main Street. Christmas lights will be on display until Wednesday, Jan. 6. Turn the radio to 101.5 fm to watch the light synchronized to holiday music. Free.

SAT. 12/29

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

9 a.m. to noon. Mountain View Market Co-op Farm Volunteer Days, MVM Farm. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. Loni Todoroki will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Al Infante will be the storyteller at the Solano location. Free. Call 524-8471.

7 p.m. Holiday burlesque show, Cattleman's Steakhouse, 3375 Bataan Memorial Parkway. Join That's

What She Said Burlesque and Variety Troupe for their holiday show, "Red Hot Holiday Revue." Cost \$15. Call 382-9051.

MON. 12/31

5 to 10 p.m. New Year's Eve Dinner, Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. The regular dinner menu will be available along with New Year's specials such as a Sashimi platter and prime rib. Live music will be provided by Rein Garcia beginning at 6 p.m. Call 521-1826.

4 p.m. to midnight New Year's Eve Dinner, Meson de Mesilla, 1803 Avenida de Mesilla. Full menu available and a dinner special for couples – filet mignon and lobster. Reservations recommended. Call 652-4953.

6 p.m. to midnight New Year's Eve Party, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. Ring in the new year with a four course dinner, wine pairings and a champagne toast. There will also be live music. Cost \$99 for couples. Call 524-0390.

8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Light up the Night, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Heavy hor d'oeuvres will be served 10:30 p.m. There will party favors and champagne will be served at midnight. Entertainment includes Phat Soul, 24/7 Blues Band and DJ Flipz. Cost \$40 per single, \$65 per couple or \$170 "Take the Elevator Home" which includes a guest room and two tickets. Call 522-4300.

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball, De La Vegas's Pecan Grill, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. Complementary appetizers from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. and champagne toast at midnight. Music by DJ TRiST and live music on the patio from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Complimentary rides home are sponsored by Las Cruces Shuttle. Cost \$25 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 521-1099

8 p.m. Lucky 2013 Drag Bingo New Year's Party, Cattleman's Steakhouse, 3375 Bataan Memorial West. Dress in your New Year's Eve best. Bingo starts at 9 p.m. starring Anakons, Bobcat and Ivonna Bump. A 21 and older dance will begin after the bingo. There will be Lucky Champagn Shooters at midnight. Cost \$30 per person. Tickets are available at Rainy's Salon, 2705 Elks Drive or call 647-2673.

WED. 1/2

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6 to 7:30 p.m. "Trap, Neuter and Return: Feral Cat Care," Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Join nationally recognized expert on feral cat care Joe Miele, who will explain some simple things we can do to make the feral cat population more comfortable, and learn how to safely reduce the population by preventing new litters. Free. Call 523-0436

8 p.m. Poetry slam, El Patio Bar, 2171 Calle de Parian. Free. Call 520-342-9277 to sign up.

THU. 1/3

Noon to 3 p.m. Psychic readings, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Psychic readings will be offered by Dawn Cheney. Her work with other healing systems and knowledge of Healing Touch, Reiki, Sekhem and Shamanic tools are available as well. Donation is suggested. Call 233-1108.



Sunset Grill served several dishes for dinner on New Year's Eve 2011. The bar will continue its New Year's Eve dinner this on Monday, Dec. 31, with a full dinner menu and specials for the evening for guests to enjoy before going to their midnight destinations.

Noon to 5:30 p.m. Anahata massage and bodywork, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. David Deissenberg specializes in deep tissue, Eastern and Western healing modalities, as well as energy work at Downtown Desert Yoga. You can find David in the Co-op Café every first and third Thursday of the month. First five minutes are free for Co-op members. Call 523-0436.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court St. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Join DJ Mike D'Arcy for a night of dancing. There is a beginner's group dance lesson at 7 p.m. Cost \$7 non-members and members. Call 526-6504.

SAT. 1/5

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3 to 4:30 p.m. Free acupuncture session, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Never tried acupuncture but are curious about this form of therapy? Ryan Bemis, director of Crossroads Community Acupuncture and a doctor of Oriental medicine, will offer a short presentation on acupuncture and will be available to answer questions. Free, but donations are appreciated and go to clinics in Ciudad Juarez. Call 312-6569.

8 p.m. "The Telephone," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Mesilla Valley Musical Arts and No Strings Theatre Company will present a performance of Giancarlo Menotti's one-act comedy "The Telephone." Cost \$10. \$9 for students and seniors. Call 523-1223.

SUN. 1/6

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FRI 1/11

1 to 9 p.m. Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. The ideal event for the any outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing, skydiving, camping, rock climbing and more. The event will also include tactical combat laser tag and an interactive trout pond. Cost children 12 and younger are free, \$8 adults. Tickets will be sold at the door. Call Patrick Drake 526-0112.

SAT. 1/12

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. The ideal event for the any outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing, skydiving, camping, rock climbing and more. The event will also include tactical combat laser tag and an interactive trout pond. Cost children 12 and younger are free, \$8 adults. Tickets will be sold at the door. Call 526-0112.

SUN. 1/13

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Call to Artists

ARTFORMS ARTISTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico is calling members to participate in For the Love of Art Month 2013. The member exhibit will be held at the Branigan Cultural Center Feb. 1-23, 2013. One piece completed in the past two years and not previously shown allowed. Artist's statement and 300 dpi .jpg or .TIFF may be submitted for publicity purposes. The deadline is Jan. 12, 2013. Members may also sign up for Studio Tours Feb. 9-10 or Feb. 23-24, Art Around Town and Special Event opportunities. Deadline for these events are Nov. 30. See www.artformsmn.org for submission and membership forms. For more information, contact Joanna Bradley at artformsfla@gmail.com.

ROKOKO GALLERY

Rokoko Gallery seeks artwork for a group show called "The Refrigerator Art Show." Submissions are due Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013. The basic theme of the show is small, expressive art. Size is limited to 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches and must be hangable unless a sculpture. Adult entry fee is \$10, youth is \$5. Opening reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 at Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado. For more information, call 405-8877.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ART GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Art gallery, located at 247-A Calle de Guadalupe, has an opening for fine artists to display their work. Please drop by and pick up an application, or call 522-2933.

AtTheMovies

'Arbitrage'

Gere's finest film in years

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I'd not heard the term "arbitrage" before, but according to Google Dictionary, it means "The simultaneous buying and selling of securities, currency, or commodities in different markets or in derivative forms in order to take advantage of differing prices for the same asset."

It is this odd method of finance that had made the lead character of the film wealthy – once upon a time.

Early in the film, one of the best movie lines I've heard all year is uttered by star Richard Gere in this excellent film about a financier gone wrong.

He tells a subordinate "World events revolve around five things, M-O-N-E-Y."

And truer words were never spoken. As much as some of us may hate to admit it, everything is always about money.

And Gere, rightfully nominated for a Golden Globe for his performance, proves his words in this movie. He stars as Robert Miller, a hedge fund manager (who came up with that idea, anyway?) whose company is going broke, but he hasn't told anyone. As he tries to manipulate things one more time to keep everyone satisfied, he finds himself falling further and further from reality and honor.

One of the more interesting parts of his character, and of the

movie, is that Robert knows he is a dirt bag. He doesn't really admit it, but you can tell that he is often filled with self-loathing, in particular when it comes to dealings with his family.

In an early scene, he arrives slightly late at a birthday party for one of his kids, carrying a present that another underling has handed him, nicely selected and wrapped. He even takes his leave early from this function, when duty calls. It's a small moment, but an important and well directed one, since it sets the scene for the rest of the film.

Director Nicholas Jarecki pays great attention to detail in the film, and rarely is a frame, scene or action wasted. Better yet, it all fits together very well as we witness Robert spiraling into the abyss.

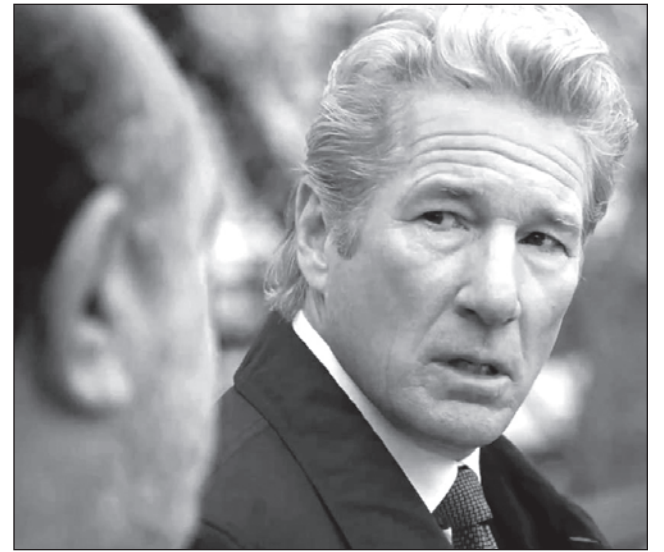
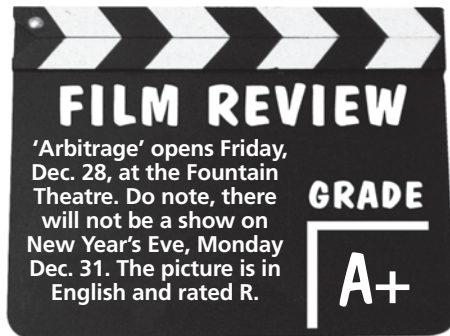
Susan Sarandon co-stars as Robert's wife, Ellen, who is smart enough to figure out what is going on and smart enough to not tip her hand until she wants to.

The main story takes us on this hellish ride, as Robert is trying to swing a deal that will keep him and his company solvent. He has hidden the fact that there is a \$400 million debt lurking nearby, successfully, from his potential client and his own daughter, who is his company's chief financial officer.

Rendezvousing with his artist mistress, at the gallery which he has just financed for her (where no one buys anything except for Miller), they leave early, have a spat and Miller ends up driving off the road, causing an early expiration for his lover, Julie. Always the lout, Miller does not call 911 for help, but leaves the accident and goes to a pay phone where he calls a young African-American man, Jimmy, who he knows will help him.

Jimmy's father used to be Miller's chauffeur, and Miller took very good care of the man and his family, and now it might just be time for a bit of payback.

The cops are soon all over the accident, and Jimmy, who has a record of petty crime, is set up to take the fall for Miller.



Richard Gere stars as Robert Miller in "Arbitrage," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

The lead cop is played well by Tim Roth, who has been absent too long from the screen.

From there, the story, written by Jarecki, follows Miller closely as his doings take root and start to work to his advantage. A superb soundtrack adds to the drama and plot line, expertly adding tension to the work and not telling you how to feel about a scene.

There have been a lot of very good films in the past couple of years dealing with financial shenanigans, such as "Casino Jack" and the even better "Margin Call," but "Arbitrage" is the best by far.

You'll want to make sure you still have your wallet when you leave the theatre.

Another year, another 52 +/- reviews for the Bulletin. jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

'Django Unchained'

Tarantino does it again

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A little bit of background on one of the genres of film that this fun, high body count (44+/-), action film patterns itself after.

Some of you may be familiar with the genus of movies called "spaghetti Westerns." They are also sometimes referred to as Euro-Westerns, and were Westerns that were made and produced in Europe, often with an Italian cast and crew that frequently filmed in an area of Spain that looked quite a bit like parts of the American West. They flourished in the 1960s and early '70s.

Although there were a scattering of earlier "spaghetthis," it was not until actor Clint Eastwood made his appearance in three of them, "A Fistful of Dollars," "For a Few Dollars More" and "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" (that story takes place in New Mexico), that the films had any kind of recognition. Eastwood and director Sergio Leone created a whole new type of Western film, one with a cynical or no hero, excellent soundtracks and a large amount of violence. These films gained Eastwood and Leone international recognition.

Over the years, approximately 500 to 600 "spaghetthis" were produced and released, although few of them made it to the U.S. A number of fading or popular American stars such as Guy Madison, James Coburn, Henry Fonda and Charles Bronson made a few of these films, which sometimes rebooted their careers or got them stuck in a cycle of making more and more of the often low-budget films.

One of the more popular films among aficionados of this

breed of film was titled "Django." It was released in 1968, and starred Italian actor Franco Nero. The film is dark, littered with corpses, but hugely popular and made millions in Europe. Attempting to pick up on the popularity of the film, numerous other knock-off type films were made using the Django (pronounced jon-go), but there was only one official sequel.

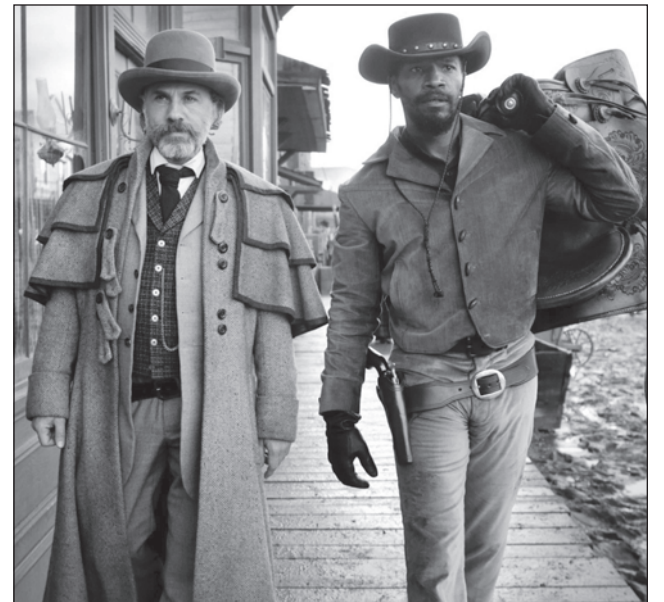
Now, the name is revived again, this time by Italian Western lover director Quentin Tarantino. Combining two of his favorite types of films, both low budget, the other being "blaxploitation" (low-budget action movies with African-Americans as hero or anti-hero), Tarantino has come up with a very amusing, often goofy comedy action picture.

With no attempt at being very serious, Tarantino has Jamie Foxx starring as a slave in Texas. He is Django, saved by doctor turned bounty hunter Dr. King Schultz, played by Christoph Waltz. The two men travel across the antebellum South, "trading corpses for cash," as Schultz likes to say, as they collect any number of bounties from numerous bad guys.

Part of their mission involves retrieving Django's German-speaking slave wife from the rich and evil Calvin Candie (Leonardo DiCaprio), whose plantation is called – are you ready – Candie Land.

Until our two protagonists arrive at Candie Land, the film is sharp, fun and filled with references to other "spaghetti" Westerns, and features numerous, sometimes hysterical, cameos from a number of actors, including Jonah Hill, Don Johnson, and Bruce Dern.

But in a film with few obvious faults, the story drags here, through an overly long dinner scene and the attempt of the two bounty hunters to save the beautiful slave wife, as they use a ruse of trying to buy African-American men to partake in "Mandingo" fighting, which is kind of a fight-to-the-finish fashioned for two slave men.



Christoph Waltz and Jamie Foxx star in "Django Unchained," now playing at Allen Theatres.

Schultz and Django are successful in their mission, but leaving Candie Land is a different story, and here is where the story picks up again.

Wholly without regard to historical costuming and fire-arms, and at times the number of bullets a pistol can shoot, the film is chock-full of crisp, funny dialogue, any number of visual jokes and a storyline that just won't quit when it takes on the lunacy of racism and stereotypes. If you are offended by free usage of the "N" word or by comedic type death scenes, you'd better go see "Les Miserables," which ironically has two things in common with this film – both are three hours long and both only have one lead character surviving at the end. Personally, I preferred this to "Les Miz," but that wasn't a bad film in its own right either.

All in all, Tarantino has done well here, although the film is not for all tastes. It is biting and clever and do yourself a favor by staying for the credits – you'll be glad you did.

I am a 'student' of 'spaghetti' westerns, a link to why I love movies so much. jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

Celebrating the holidays with the

Big Band on the Rio Grande

Photos by Zak Hansen



The Big Band on the Rio Grande performs its holiday concert at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village activities center Wednesday, Dec. 19.



Trombonist Tom Wildman

Daniel Parra wows the crowd with a guitar solo during the performance.



Karl Tonander split duties between playing his horn and acting as the show's emcee.

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The Music Scene

Featured artist: *Natalie Grace McMillan*

Musician hones skills around local scene

Sense of humor keeps McMillan grounded

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"So, a photon walks into a hotel," she begins, already starting to laugh at the thought of the impending punchline, "and the clerk asks, 'Any luggage, sir?'"

Natalie Grace McMillan, a Las Cruces singer-songwriter, has a great sense of humor – albeit on the corny side – in addition to a deep passion for her craft.

McMillan got her first electric guitar at 14 years old, the result of an obsession with a certain Woodstock legend.

"I asked for an electric guitar for my birthday, because I was really into Jimi Hendrix – I mean, he was left-handed, I was left-handed, so I thought it was pretty much my destiny to be the next Hendrix," she said with a laugh.

At 15, she picked up her first acoustic guitar, and "it just clicked a little better."

"I started writing my own songs when I was 16," McMillan said, "just 16-year-old girl stuff – relationship stuff, terrible lyrics, terrible rhymes – but I was writing."

While her early work may not be her proudest material, it did lay the groundwork for her path as a talented and dedicated musician.

"My senior year (of high school) was when I really started actually playing shows around town," McMillan said. "There was a decent crowd – mostly friends and fellow students, though."

Upon her graduation in 2009, McMillan moved to Albuquerque to attend the University of New Mexico for her freshman year of college. After a year there – a year she said she didn't devote as much time as she'd have like to playing and writing music – she returned to Las Cruces and enrolled at New Mexico State University in 2010.

"That's when I started writing songs with a little more substance," she said. "People actually liked them and wanted to hear more."

All humility aside, McMillan's got chops – a great, confident voice and some real skills on the six-string – but she's unlikely to admit it, and more likely to just laugh it off.

In 2011, McMillan wrote and composed her own, 12-song demo album of all original material, a process she says, "took forever," recording while working and attending school.

Available on iTunes and www.amazon.com, "Bows & Arrows," released December 2011, sounds like the work of an accomplished musician with many more years in the business than McMillan has.

In the past year, McMillan has been performing around the City of Crosses, appearing at open mics at De la Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery (every Monday) and Dublins Street Pub, as well as a solo set at Farley's Food, Fun and Pub.

"It's great playing there," she said, a smile creeping across her face, prefacing a boisterous laugh, again. "I get to play while I can watch sports. I would catch myself staring once and awhile, forgetting to play. TV is my weakness. If anything is on, I'll watch it."

McMillan's latest TV addiction is "Amish Mafia," which this author has a hard time believing exists.

When she's not hooked on a (possibly made-up) reality show or honing her skills on the guitar, McMillan is busy at NMSU working in the dental hygiene program, which she's estimated to finish in May 2014.

McMillan has kept playing, despite the pressures of school and work, because she loves it.

"Playing music, that's where I feel comfortable," she said.

"It's weird; I hate giving speeches – I'd rather die – but I love singing and playing for people. It's something I'm good at, and I'm confident in, and I like sharing that with people."

"When I don't play for awhile, my life feels less full. It really affects me, my mood. If I go some time without playing, it just feels as though something's missing."

While she plays primarily her own original material, McMillan always gives the crowd a few covers – specifically, she said, "songs that no one should ever, ever cover."

Off the top of her head, McMillan names tracks by Enrique Iglesias, Carly Rae Jepsen and Ne-Yo, as well as others I vowed not to print to save her the embarrassment.

"They're usually just bad – no, terrible – terrible pop music. Guilty pleasures," she said, another laugh already welling up. "Everyone secretly loves them, so it gives them a little justification for their awful, awful taste."

In the coming months, McMillan, aside from enjoying a brief respite from the demands of school, will be playing her usual open mic appearances on Mondays at De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery, as well as two shows of her own – one at Farley's on Saturday, Dec. 29, and one at Hurricane Alley (her first "real" show) on Jan. 25, 2013, where she'll be joined by Chris Baker, Eric Burton and others.

And, how about that photon?
"So he goes to check in, and the bellhop asks him, 'Sir do you have any luggage?' The photon looks over and says, 'Nope – I'm traveling light.'"

At this, she explodes in another peal of laughter.

Details

Natalie Grace McMillan

When
Saturday, Dec. 29

Where
Farley's Food, Fun and Pub
3499 Foothills Road

Album
"Bows & Arrows" available on
iTunes and www.amazon.com

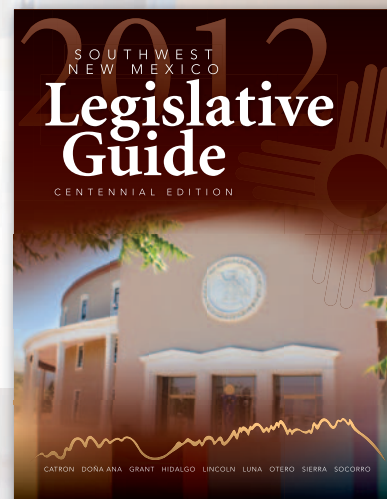


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Natalie Grace McMillan, in the booklet design for her first album, "Bows & Arrows." McMillan will perform a number of shows around town in the coming months.

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Conjuring a magical dining experience

Chef Tatsuya Miyazaki opens Savoy de Mesilla

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

World-class chef and restaurateur Tatsuya Miyazaki, who has operated a number of high-end restaurants in Las Cruces over the last few decades, has one mission with his newest and perhaps most impressive offering, Savoy de Mesilla.

"I want to give the people of Las Cruces a magical dining experience," he said.

Savoy de Mesilla, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, is a one-of-a-kind dining experience unlike anything else in the city, perhaps even the state.

Savoy offers incredible and innovative American cuisine with global influences, serving dishes on the cutting edge of cuisine – somewhere at the intersection of haute cuisine, fine art and molecular science.

The food at Savoy de Mesilla is, for lack of a better word, stunning. It's the stuff of foodie dreams.

Offering a seasonal and sustainable menu, Savoy utilizes the freshest, in-season ingredients, and nothing more. If tomatoes, for example, are out of season, or the available tomatoes do not meet the chef's exacting standards of quality, tomatoes won't be on the menu.

This guarantees to diners that not only will they be receiving food prepared with care, consideration and conscience, but that each visit to Savoy will likely offer something new.

The current winter menu features an array of dishes the likes of which have not been seen in the City of the Crosses. The appetizer menu offers great beginnings such as the Ahi tuna Napoleon, with sesame seared Ahi tuna, avocado, won ton square and micro greens with a poke sauce, and the JC Escargot (yes, escargot in Las Cruces), built from a recipe created by none other than world-famous chef and personality Julia Child.

Another appetizing starter that pushes the boundaries of what food can be – and how it can look – is the Landscape. A plate of prosciutto, assorted salamis and gourmet cheeses is served to the table on a stand vertically, much like a picture frame, and the ingredients are arranged to resemble a landscape familiar to Las Cruces: the Organ Mountains.

This innovation and passion continues throughout the expansive, ever-changing menu.

The spicy steak noodle salad features Chiliracha (Tatsu's own signature recipe) marinated certified Angus filet mignon atop a salad of carrots, avocado, mango, soba noodle and peanuts, served with an orange ginger sesame dressing, also made fresh and in-house.

You can get a burger at Savoy de Mesilla, too, but be ready, these aren't your average burgers. The Savoy stuffed burger has a patty made from Angus beef, garlic, fresh basil and sun-dried tomatoes with fresh mozzarella inside, topped with mixed greens, tomato and red onion. atop a multi-grain bun with a smear of basil pesto mayo.

For those craving a bit of variety in their gourmet hamburgers, Tatsu has also created the Kobe sliders – jalapeño bacon, Jack blue cheese and green chile with gouda – all made with Wagyu beef, arguably one of the finest meats in the world.

The entrée menu continues to excite, offering fare from both land and sea.

From the ocean, Goji sea scallops and shrimp, with pan-seared scallops, tiger shrimp, cranberry almond quinoa couscous, seasonal vegetables and a Goji berry mango sauce; orange ginger sea bass, a sesame, orange and ginger marinated filet served with the same cranberry almond quinoa couscous and mixed seasonal vegetables; and lobster ravioloni, jumbo lobster-stuffed ravioli with a saffron parmesan cream sauce.

Details

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A look back at 2012



Zombies Michael and Rhonda Page are led around by Lizandra Sanchez and their daughter Jessica Page during the third annual Zombie Walk Downtown in October.



Brad Paisley, winner of 14 Academy of Country Music Awards including Top Male Vocalist of the Year in 2009, 2010 and 2011, performed for a sold-out crowd in February at the Pan American Center.



Dancers fill the Mesilla Plaza during the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration in May.



Yolanda Salazar happily hands out salsa from 2011 Salsafest! salsa winner La Nueva Casita during the 2012, centennial-themed event along Downtown Main Street in August.



Maggie Baber was one of 20 models who walked the catwalk during the 2012 High Heels for High Hopes fashion show in November at the Las Cruces Convention Center. This year's event raised more than \$164,000 for March of Dimes.



Jake Montoya and Donnie Donnel demonstrate roping tricks during Cowboy Days at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in March.

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PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Need	Wash.	Moyers & Company	American Masters (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Shark Tank	Back to the Beginning-Amanpour	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live						
FOX	8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Dragons	Ice Age	Kitchen Nightmares	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons			
NBC	9	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Go On	Go On	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	News (N)	Jay Leno		J. Fallon				
CW	14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	Nikita "3.0"		Arrow	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	'Til Death		
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN	26	College Football: Russell Athletic Bowl	College Football: Baylor at Gonzaga (N)	College Football: Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas					SportsCenter (N) (Live)						
ESPN2	27	NFL Kickoff (N)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportCtr	NFL Live		Sport Sci.			
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
TNT	32	The Mentalist	** "Sherlock Holmes" (2009) Robert Downey Jr.	Rizzoli & Isles	** "Clash of the Titans" (2010)	Spider									
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler.	** "Drillbit Taylor" (2008)						
COM	35	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	(6:59) ** "Jackass: The Movie" (2002)	** "The House Bunny" (2008)	** "Waiting..."							
LIFE	39	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders
FOOD	40	Diners, Drive	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Giveaway	Million	Spelling Manor	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Spelling Manor	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
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TLC	45	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Vegas	Vegas	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Vegas	Vegas
DISC	47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	The Bering Sea Gold (N)	Bering Sea Gold (N)	Gold Rush	The Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush	The Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush
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FAM	51	(:05) ** "Pocahontas" (1995, Fantasy)	** "Mulan" (1998) Lea Salonga	The 700 Club	** "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (2010)										
DISN	52	Good	Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Phineas	Good	Jessie	Jessie	Neigh	Neigh	Neigh	Neigh	Dog	Good
NICK	54	Drake & Josh (In Stereo)	Marvin	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George	
AMC	57	(3:30) "Predator"	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)
SYFY	59	"Jeepers Crpr 2"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	** "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" (1986)	** "Starship Troopers"										
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper
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MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show

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ABC	7	Storms	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning El Paso
FOX	8	King	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	My Pillow	House	Loss	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today A love story; the year in social media. (N)	Noodle	Pajanimals	Poppy Cat	Justin	LazyTown	Wiggles			
CW	14	Fat Loss	DeepClean	New You!	Tummy	Rescue	Rescue	Sonic X	P. Rangers	Transform.	Justice	WWE	Dragon
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Matlock	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI
ESPN	26	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	College Football						
ESPN2	27	Le Batard	Sport Sci.	First Take Weekend (N) (In Stereo Live)	English Premier League Soccer	College Basketball							
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Yng- Skin	NCIS "Twilight"	NCIS "Kill Ari"	NCIS "Kill Ari"	NCIS "Mind Games"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Browns	Payne	** "Drillbit Taylor" (2008) Owen Wilson.	** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler.							
TBS	33	Earl	Jim	Worse	Worse	** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler.							
COM	35	Paid Prog.	PUMP	Jim Gaffigan: King Baby	** "Police Academy" (1984) Steve Guttenberg.	** "Wayne's World" (1992) Mike Myers.							
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Back Fat?	Paid Prog.	Body	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	My Life, Movie		
FOOD	40	Paula	Paula	Paula	Trisha's	Trisha's	Pioneer	Pioneer	Chopped				
HGTV	41	Bryan	Elbow	Buying and Selling	Property	Property	BathCrash	BathCrash	YardCrash	Kit. Crash	Hse Crash	Hse Crash	
A&E	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Flip This House	My Flipp'n Brother	Flipping Vegas					
HIST	44	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	TRIA	Jillian	Yng- Skin	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed
DISC	47	Insanity!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	United States of Steak	United-Burgers	United States of Bacon	Bering Sea Gold				
ANPL	50	Must Love Cats	The Year in Pup Culture	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees
FAM	51	Boy/World	Boy/World	** "Alice in Wonderland" (:34) ** "Mulan" (1998) Lea Salonga	** "The Sorcerer's Apprentice"								
DISN	52	Fish Hooks	Phineas	Little	Octonauts	Mickey	Doc McSt.	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54	Parents	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Turtles	SpongeBob	Adventures/Jimmy		
AMC	57	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	First Blood
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	New Keurig	DeepClean	Twi. Zone	** "The Haunting in Connecticut" (2009)	** "American Horror House" (2012)						
CNN	62	Early Start	Sat. Morn	CNN Saturday Morning (N)	Bottom	CNN Saturday Morning (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)						
CNBC	63	Pain	Paid Prog.	Breathe!	Back Fat?	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Paid Prog.	TRIA	New Keurig	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)	Melissa Harris-Perry (N)	Weekends-Witt								

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PBS	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	Coach	This Old House Hr	P Allen	Garden	Kitchen	Mexico	Mexican	Lawrence Welk		
CBS	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	March Madness	March Madness: Coach	College Basketball Kentucky at Louisville. (N)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7	Recipe	Food	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meals	Joint Pain?	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	ESPN Sports Saturday (N)			
FOX	8	30 Rock	Derma	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	** "Chill Factor" (1999) Cuba Gooding Jr.	The Office	30 Rock				
NBC	9	AAA	Paid Prog.	Red Bull Signature Series (N) (In Stereo)	Golf Tyco Skills Challenge, Day 1. (Taped)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CW	14	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Animal	Adventures	Mystery	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont
WGN	15	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI
ESPN	26	College Football	College Football	College Football UNLV at North Carolina. (N)	College Football Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl -- Arizona State vs. Navy. (N)								
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball
USA	31	NCIS "Silver War"	NCIS "Switch"	NCIS "Honor Code"	NCIS "Frame-Up"	NCIS "Murdered model."	NCIS "Boxed In"						
TNT	32	** "Spider-Man" (2002, Action) Tobey Maguire.	** "Clash of the Titans" (2010) (DVS)	** "Sherlock Holmes" (2009)									
TBS	33	Longest	Friends	Friends	Wedding Band "Pilot"	Wedding Band	Wedding Band	Wedding Band	Wedding Band	Wedding Band	Wedding Band	Wedding Band	Wedding Band
COM	35	** "Coneheads" (1993) Dan Aykroyd.	** "Cheech and Chong's Up in Smoke" (1978)	** "Waiting..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds.									
LIFE	39	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie	My Life, Movie
FOOD	40	Diners, Drive	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant Stakeout	Diners	Wedding	Iron Chef America	The Next Iron Chef					
HGTV	41	Love It or List It	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling	High Low	Hunt Intl					
A&E	43	** "The Perfect Storm" (2000) George Clooney.	** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins.	Storage									
HIST	44	Outback Hunters	Outback Hunters	Bamazon	Bamazon	You Don't Know Dixie							
TLC	45	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
DISC	47	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners
ANPL	50	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees
FAM	51	"Sorcerer's Ap"	** "Nanny McPhee" (2005) Emma Thompson.	** "Nanny McPhee Returns" (2010) Emma Thompson.	Princess								
DISN	52	Gravity	Fish Hooks	Good Luck	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Austin	Shake It	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie
NICK	54	Parents	Parents	Parents	Kung Fu Panda	** "Fred 2: Night of the Living Fred" (2011)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(10:30) ** "First Blood" (1982)	** "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (1985)	** "Rambo III" (1988, Action) Sylvester Stallone.									
SYFY	59	American	** "The Skeleton Key" (2005) Kate Hudson.	** "The Devil's Advocate" (1997) Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino.	Constantin								
CNN	62	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Situation Room									
CNBC	63	Insanity!	Paid Prog.	EZ Guitar	Paid Prog.	P90X!	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	Melissa Harris-Perry	Melissa Harris-Perry	Up W/Chris Hayes	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera



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PBS	22	News	Frontieras	New Mexico In Focus	Truth	Natural	Healthy	Teaching Channel	Growing	Antiques Roadshow	CBS	3	3	NFL Football	Regional Coverage. (N) (Live) [CC]	NFL Football	Regional Coverage. (N) (Live) [CC]	ABC	7	7	AAA	Paid Prog.	** "Mixed Nuts" (1994, Comedy) Steve Martin.	Rudolph's Shiny Year	Wipeout [CC]	Entertainment Tonight	FOX	8	14	NFL Football	Regional Coverage. (N) (In Stereo Live) [CC]	NFL Football	Regional Coverage. (N) (In Stereo Live) [CC]	NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Yng-Skin	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour	Golf Tyco Skills Challenge, Day 2. (Taped) [CC]	Paid Prog.	NBC News	CW	14	Now Eat!	ChatRoom	Bloopers	Bloopers	Access Hollywood (N)	Miracles	Texas	Crook & Chase	*** "Dr. No" (1962)	WGN	15	"In the Heat of the Night: Who Was Geli Bendl?"	** "By Duty Bound" (1995) Carroll O'Connor.	"Grow Old Along With Me" (1995) Carl Weathers	ESPN	26	PBA Bowling	Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	ESPN2	27	Golf	Golf	SEC Storied	SEC Storied	SEC Storied	SEC Storied	SEC Storied	SEC Storied	SEC Storied	SEC Storied	SEC Storied	USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	*** "King Kong" (2005) Naomi Watts. A beauty tames a savage beast.	*** "Gladiator" (2000) Russell Crowe.	TBS	33	(10:00) "Delta Farce"	** "Tommy Boy" (1995) Chris Farley. [CC]	** "Road Trip" (2000) Seann William Scott.	* "Big Daddy" (1999)	COM	35	"Cheech and Chong"	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	** "Balls of Fury" (2007) Dan Fogler. [CC]	"Dodgeball: Underdog"	LIFE	39	(10:30) *** "Selena" (1997) Jennifer Lopez.	** "Jersey Girl" (2004) Ben Affleck. [CC]	* "The Ex" (2006, Comedy) Zach Braff. [CC]	FOOD	40	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Food Court Wars	My. Diners	Health	Diners	Diners	HGTV	41	Home Strange Home	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Hunters	Hunt Intl	A&E	43	(10:30) *** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994)	*** "Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	HIST	44	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	TLC	45	Top 10 Weddings of	Vegas	Vegas	Sister Wives [CC]	Sister Wives [CC]	Sister Wives [CC]	Sister Wives [CC]	DISC	47	Ghost Town Gold [CC]	Ghost Town Gold [CC]	Ghost Town Gold [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	ANPL	50	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	FAM	51	(10:30) ** "Nanny McPhee Returns" (2010)	** "The Princess Diaries" (2001, Comedy) Julie Andrews.	"Princess Diaries 2"	DISN	52	Good Luck	Jessie	Star New Year	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Austin	Shake It	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	NICK	54	Winx Club	SpongeBob	Monster High	The Fairly OddParents	*** "Rugrats in Paris: The Movie" (2000)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	AMC	57	(9:00) ** "Sahara" (2005) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. [CC]	** "Poseidon" (2006, Adventure) Josh Lucas.	*** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. [CC]	SYFY	59	** "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. [CC]	** "The Omen" (2006, Horror) Liev Schreiber, Julia Stiles.	* "Land of the Lost"	CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Next List	Newsroom	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	Meet the Press [CC]	Up W/Chris Hayes	Up W/Chris Hayes	Up W/Chris Hayes	Minh's Story	Sex Slaves: Texas

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WEDNESDAY EVENING											JANUARY 2, 2013			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Life on Fire	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	To Be Announced	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Neigh	Mod Fam	Suburg.	Nashville (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mobbed (N)	Mobbed (N)	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Fam. Guy				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News	Whitney	Guys-	Law & Order: SVU	Chicago Fire (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon				
CW 14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	Arrow "Damaged"	Supernatural	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	Til Death			
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN 26	College GameDay	Pregame	2013 Allstate Sugar Bowl Florida vs. Louisville. (N) (Live)					(:08) SportsCenter (N)		SportCtr				
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Davidson vs. Duke. (N)	HS Football	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (N)	NFL Live	NBA	Nation						
USA 31	NCIS "Kill Screen"	NCIS (DVS)	NCIS (DVS)	NCIS "Tell-All"	NCIS "Two-Faced"	NCIS (DVS)	House							
TNT 32	Castle	Castle	Castle "Last Call"	Castle "Nikki Heat"	CSI: NY	Leverage	Leverage							
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	Conan			
COM 35	Key	Chap	Chap	Kevin Hart: Laugh	Chris Rock: Big	Katt Williams: Pimpin' Pimpin'	Kevin Hart: Laugh	Pryor: Ain't Dead						
LIFE 39	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Project Runway	(:02) Wife Swap	(:02) Wife Swap						
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.
HGTV 41	Property Brothers	Cousins on Call	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	House Hunters	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl					
A&E 43	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	(:01) Duck Dynasty	Hunters	Duck D.	Duck D.			
HIST 44	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American
TLC 45	The Sisterhood	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheer Perfection (N)	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheer Perfection	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheer Perfection	Toddlers & Tiaras					
DISC 47	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners				
ANPL 50	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Amish Mafia	Super Croc	Super Croc									
FAM 51	"Willy Wonka & Chocolate"	*** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005)	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid							
DISN 52	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Random	Shake It	Good	ANT	Shake It	*** "Enchanted" (2007) Amy Adams.	ANT	Shake It			
NICK 54	Drake	Drake	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George
AMC 57	(3:30) "Jumanji"	*** "Jerry Maguire" (1996) Tom Cruise.	(:01) *** "Jerry Maguire" (1996) Tom Cruise.											
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	"Horror House"			
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper				
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	The Coffee Ad.	Amer. Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	Amer. Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	Amer. Greed	American Greed				
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word				

THURSDAY EVENING											JANUARY 3, 2013			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	News	Fronteras	Memories	Travel	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley			
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest	(:01) Elementary (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Nashville	"Pilot"	Scandal	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mobbed (N)	Mobbed (N)	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon			
CW 14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	The Vampire Diaries	Beauty & Beast	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	Til Death			
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs				
ESPN 26	College GameDay	Pregame	2013 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Kansas State vs. Oregon. (N) (Live)					(:08) SportsCenter (N)		SportCtr				
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Audibles (N)	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (N)	NFL Live	Best/NFL	Nation							
USA 31	NCIS "Red Cell"	NCIS "SWAK"	NCIS	NCIS	CSI: Crime Scene	Law & Order: SVU	House							
TNT 32	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	CSI: NY	Cold Case								
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	The Office	Conan			
COM 35	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	The Comedy Central Roast	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama			
LIFE 39	Wife Swap	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Dance Moms	Double	Project Runway	Project Runway						
FOOD 40	Cupcake Wars	Chopped "Charge!"	Chopped	Sweet Genius	Chopped	Sweet Genius								
HGTV 41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hawaii	Hawaii	Extreme Homes	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii	Extreme Homes	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
A&E 43	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	Beyond Scared	(:01) Teen Trouble	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48						
HIST 44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Bamazon "Timber!"	Ax Men	Cajun	Cajun	Pawn	Pawn	(:01) Bamazon			
TLC 45	Sister Wives	Sister Wives: Se	Sister Wives: Se	Four Weddings (N)	What Not to Wear	Four Weddings	What Not to Wear	Sister Wives: Se						
DISC 47	Amish Mafia	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners	Ghost Town Gold	Moonshiners	Ghost Town Gold	Amish Mafia							
ANPL 50	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods							
FAM 51	(4:30) ** "A Lot Like Love"	** "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003)	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid							
DISN 52	En	Wizards	Phineas	ANT	Shake It	Good	Random	Shake It	Good	Movie (In Stereo)	Random	Shake It		
NICK 54	iCarly	Figure It	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George
AMC 57	(3:30) "Footloose"	** "The Karate Kid" (1984, Drama) Ralph Macchio.	(:01) ** "The Karate Kid Part II" (1986)	Karatell										
SYFY 59	(4:30) ** "Outlander" (2008)	** "Repo Men" (2010) Jude Law, Forest Whitaker.	** "Outlander" (2008) James Caviezel.											
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper				
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	The Facebook	Billions Behind Bars	American Greed	Mad Money	Billions Behind Bars	American Greed	Mad Money	Billions Behind Bars	American Greed				
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Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER	5	4	7	6	3	2	8	1	9
	6	9	8	4	5	1	7	2	3
	2	3	1	7	8	9	4	6	5
	7	6	4	5	2	8	9	3	1
	1	5	2	3	9	4	6	7	8
	9	8	3	1	7	6	2	5	4
	4	7	6	8	1	3	5	9	2
	3	2	5	9	4	7	1	8	6
	8	1	9	2	6	5	3	4	7
CHALLENGER	7	8	4	5	3	9	6	1	2
	6	1	5	8	2	7	3	9	4
	2	9	3	6	4	1	7	5	8
	9	3	8	1	7	5	2	4	6
	5	6	1	4	8	2	9	3	7
	4	2	7	3	9	6	1	8	5
	3	7	9	2	5	8	4	6	1
	8	4	6	7	1	3	5	2	9
	1	5	2	9	6	4	8	7	3
EXPERT	7	4	6	3	1	9	2	8	5
	8	3	9	5	6	2	1	7	4
	1	2	5	8	4	7	9	6	3
	5	1	8	2	9	3	6	4	7
	4	7	3	6	5	1	8	9	2
	9	6	2	4	7	8	3	5	1
	6	8	4	1	3	5	7	2	9
	3	5	7	9	2	6	4	1	8
	2	9	1	7	8	4	5	3	6

BEGINNER

	5		9	8	1			
		2	5					9
9		1			3	8	2	
6		3	4		5		1	
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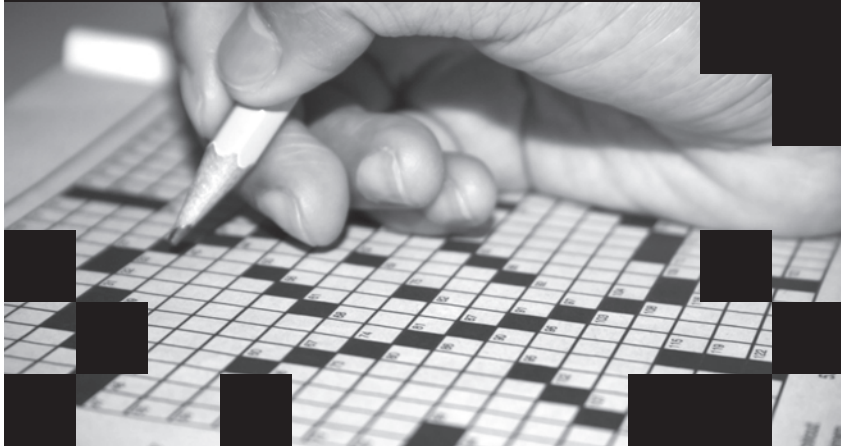
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	7		8		4		1	
			6					

EXPERT

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			6				8	
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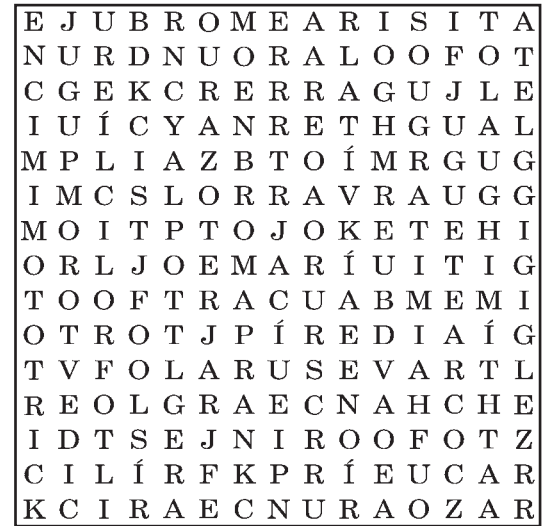


Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

JUST PULLING YOUR LEG

ENGLISH	SPANISH
GIGGLE	RISITA
LAUGHTER	RISA
IN JEST	EN BROMA
PRANK	TRAVESURA
TO FOOL AROUND	CHANCEAR
TO FROLIC	RETOZAR
TO MIMIC	IMITAR
TO JOKE	BROMEAR
TO LAUGH	REÍR
TO PLAY	JUGAR
TO ROMP	JUGUETEAR
TO TRICK	EMBAUCAR



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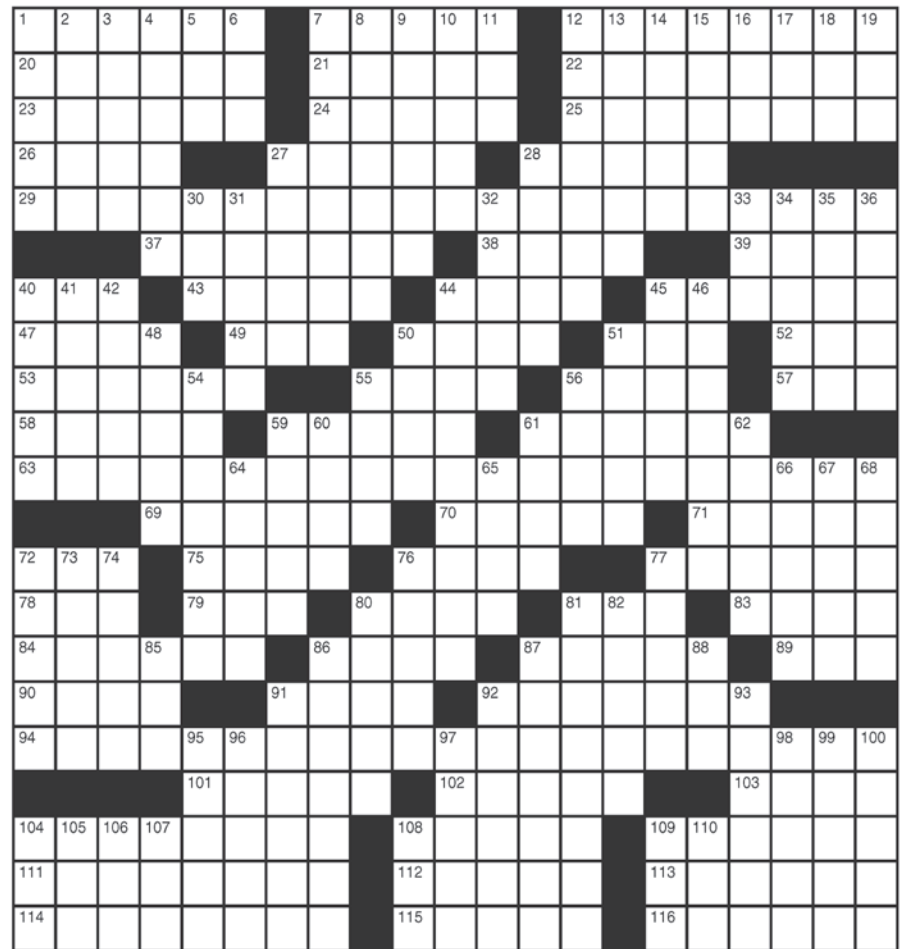
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- Segments of circles
 - Caribbean or Caspian
 - Half a Polynesian island?
 - European peak
 - Took a car
 - Roadside lodging
 - Procedure part
 - La Scala highlight
 - One of the Saarinens
 - Capital in the Andes
 - Little blows
 - Flakey
 - More tender
 - bitsy
 - Snake speech
 - Twisted string
 - Likewise
 - Collect
 - Stiff hair
 - Supply with weapons
 - Stairway component
 - Altar draperies
 - B-complex component
 - Storing, as grain
 - Permits to
 - Son of Judah
 - Checking out visually
 - Doris of "Pillow Talk"
 - Title of respect
 - Hitter's stat
 - Letters that explode
 - Appropriate
 - Floor squares
 - Boilermaker base
 - Country humor
 - States strongly
 - Lariats
 - Small underground growths
 - Soothsayer
 - Tango team
 - Disorderly disturbances
 - Stable compartments
 - Coop layer
 - Skull cavity
 - Contemporary
 - Relate
 - Catty
 - Couch potatoes
 - Anglesey or Pangkor
 - Facility
 - Captain Queeg's ship
 - Untruths
 - Baba and MacGraw
 - Fencing weapons
 - Young boys of Scotland
 - End of a spat?
 - "Upside Down" singer Diana
- DOWN**
- Wd. in "Roget's Thesaurus"
 - Elects
 - Does away with
 - Pig-roasting device
 - Vine
 - Struthers and Field
 - Jonathan Swift, e.g.
 - Basic
 - Dressed
 - New Jersey river
 - Sacred stories set to music
 - Insatiable drunk
 - No sweat
 - Deserves
 - Preparing to make a stop
 - Sequence
 - Mighty
 - Ear to ear look
 - More like saltwater
 - Landed properties
 - Minor failings
 - Minimal garage
 - Greco-Roman musicians
 - Referred pain, for example
 - Spread, as mortar
 - Brides' possessions
 - Deadly African pest
 - Most majestic
 - Pubs
 - In name only
 - Makes an indirect reference
 - Urbanity
 - Calm intervals
 - Like a family of girls
 - Libyan's neighbor
 - Scowls
 - Soft drink
 - Orator executed by Octavian
 - Cash drawer

WE THREE KINGS

- ACROSS**
- Guiding light
 - Breathers
 - Unnerve
 - Golonka of "Mayberry R.F.D."
 - International industrial fairs, for short
 - Sticking together
 - Official seal
 - Trunk tire
 - Confirms
 - Tops a cupcake
 - Unseals
 - Ski lifts
 - Three Kings
 - Goes back to a former condition
 - "Do the Right Thing" director Spike and others
 - Black-and-white whale
 - Immovable
 - Former chief magistrates of Venice
 - Feline sound
 - Set an explosive's timer
 - Rotation line
 - Egyptian souls
 - Membership charges
 - Bishopric
 - Dead heat
 - Kindhearted
 - Sensed
 - Skim over
 - Out of the norm
 - Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
 - Asks intrusive questions
 - Massenet's masterpieces
 - Three Kings
 - Very handsome man
 - Contaminate
 - Be off
 - High peak
 - Web-footed diver
 - Open storage
 - "17"
 - Roof sealant
 - Stately tree
 - Belt out
 - Gullet
 - Clytemnestra's mother
 - Simple chords
 - Metallic sound
 - Permanent place?
 - Hankering
 - Frankenstein's assistant
 - Twinge
 - Farewell party
- DOWN**
- No-frills
 - Novelist Jong
 - "Ragged Dick" author
 - Morality enforcer
 - United
 - Profit figure
 - Breathes
 - Anticipates
 - Slaps on the bottom
 - Body trunks
 - Compass reading
 - Dilettante
 - Paradigms
 - Lambchop's Lewis
 - Intrinsically
 - NASA orbiter
 - de la Plata
 - Payment due chit
 - Nobel's explosive
 - Greek letter
 - Stadium levels
 - Went first
 - Enkindle
 - Madder family flower
 - Boxer Louis
 - Poet's inspiration
 - Bitterly pungent
 - Titled
 - Indian title
 - Outlying community
 - Eras
 - Throbbing
 - Form beads
 - French auto maker
 - Christmas drop-in



- See fit
- Bouquet
- Teased
- Five-dollar bills
- Make a web
- Penh, Cambodia
- Bit controller
- Singer Redding
- Unbelievable bargain
- Still places in streams
- Tolled
- Bill ___ and the Comets
- Get around
- Cordelia's sister
- Garret
- Florida key
- Monastery officer
- Eureka!
- Begin the fainting process
- Inasmuch as
- Most virile
- Robert and Alan
- Exist
- Ministers
- Shore
- Org. of Green Bay
- Glue wielder
- "The Thinker," e.g.
- Was obsequious
- Baseball's hot corner
- Flavor
- Olympic symbol
- German river
- Come up again
- Affirmatives
- Bottle topper
- Every bit
- Rawls or Reed
- Author Deighton
- Bonehead
- Bear hand
- "Mogambo" star Gardner

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

Diagramless

Classic Performances

CRYPTOGRAM

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Drop by and show me the place where Lenin is buried and I will show you a communist plot.

AtTheMovies



2013: The year we make sequels

The coming year in film, if you can call it that

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

So, here we are, the globe intact, skies not aflame, seas not boiling, civilization no more in shambles than before. The Mayans were wrong.

Well, not completely.

We didn't see the end of the world – just the end of entertainment.

Overall, I'm sorry to report, the prognosis looks pretty grim for Hollywood next year. 2013 is awash in superheroes, sequels, remakes, sequels and book-to-movie adaptations. Oh, and did I mention sequels?

Superheroes will likely continue their box-office domination over the last several years, with a number of ink-and-paper protagonists taking the screen in 2013.

Billionaire industrialist Tony Stark will put

the suit on once more in "Iron Man 3," slated for a May release, while his fellow Avenger Thor returns in "Thor: The Dark World" in November. Hugh Jackman will continue his role as the adamantium-skeletoned warrior Wolverine in the creatively titled "The Wolverine," due out in summer. Clark Kent will doff his glasses in a phone booth in the latest Superman incarnation, "Man of Steel," with a scheduled release in June.

It isn't just superheroes that are jumping from page to screen, though. A number of other, less-heroic figures are coming to life on screen from the pages of comic books and graphic novels. An adaptation of "R.I.P.D.," will see release in 2013. "R.I.P.D.," of course, stands for "Rest in Peace Department," and yes, it's about a zombie cop avenging his own murder with the help of fellow members of the elite undead.

Both "Red" and "300," which had their roots on the printed page, also will see sequels this year.

Books didn't have to be illustrated to catch the eye of Hollywood producers, either. Silver screen adaptations of a number of novels will be released in 2013. We have, of course, the continuation of two wildly popular book-turned-film series in "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" and "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug," coming to theaters in November and December, respectively.

"The Great Gatsby," based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tobey Maguire and directed by Baz Luhrmann, opens in May. "Ender's Game," Orson Scott Card's classic science-fiction piece about a boy leading Earth's defenses against an alien offensive, will come to life in November.

One book-to-film translation I'm especially interested in seeing is "World War Z," due out in June. Based on the novel "World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War" by Max Brooks (son of legendary comedian Mel Brooks), "World War Z" will follow Gerry Lane (Brad Pitt), a U.N. worker desperate to stop a zombie outbreak from ravaging the

globe. Early reports call the film a mix of "The Bourne Identity" and AMC's "The Walking Dead." I don't know if this is a good thing or a bad thing, but I'll sure be there to find out.

Tired of sequels, yet? Well, get ready. 2013 has a slew of them for you. A partial (very partial) list includes reboots of "Star Trek," "Despicable Me," "Anchorman," "Monsters, Inc.," not to mention all the comic-book follow-ups we've already noted.

Did I mention these were the cream of the sequel crop?

In the category of sequels nobody needed but somehow wanted, we have "G.I. Joe: Retaliation," "Scary Movie 5," "Hangover 3,"

"Grown-Ups 2," "A Good Day to Die Hard," the fifth in that franchise, "Fast and Furious 6" (yes, six), and, somehow, "Smurfs 2," proving, sadly, the taste of the populous is not to be overestimated. Tragic.

2013 will also host a number of big-budget studio films that feature a ruined Earth. "Oblivion," starring Tom Cruise, follows a drone repairman, one of the last on an interstellar war-ravaged Earth, who finds a downed spacecraft that rents his view of the world asunder. "After Earth" has father and son Will and Jaden Smith playing, well, a father and son, who

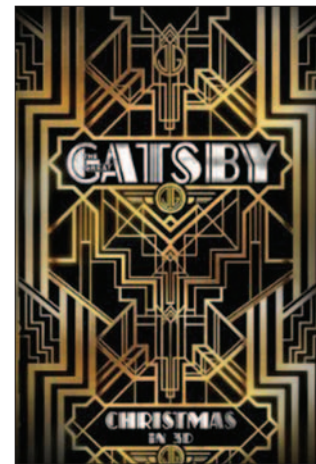
crash land on a long-abandoned and dangerous Earth. "Escape from Planet Earth," a kid-oriented CGI comedy is about ... nevermind.

One offering in this apocalypse-oriented array is the aptly titled "The End of the World." While details are so far sparse, what is known is the film centers around a number of comedians and celebrities, playing fictionalized versions of themselves, who witness the end of the world while attending a party at James Franco's house. Set for a June release, the film stars, among others, Seth Rogen, Emma Watson, Craig Robinson, Jonah Hill and Rihanna.

Scanning over the list of the most anticipated films of the coming year does make me extremely grateful for one thing: my library card. I recommend looking into getting one of your own – you may need it sooner than you thought.

Or you could always just go see the latest with Vin Diesel. I can't stop you, as much as I'd like.

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Picking the Flicks


Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.


Skyfall 
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: James Bond returns to investigate an attack on M16 by former operative Raoul Silva, but this time the stakes are personal.
Starring: Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem
Director: Sam Mendes





Monsters, Inc. 3D 
Rated: G
Plot Overview: Sully and Mike are followed back from their child-scaring duties by a precocious child, and then exiled to her world.
Starring: Billy Crystal, John Goodman
Directors: Peter Docter, Andrew Silverman

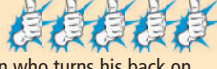



This is 40 
Rated: R
Plot Overview: In this sort-of sequel to "Knocked Up," Pete and Debbie continue to make their uncertain way through the struggles of family and marriage.
Starring: Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann
Director: Judd Apatow



Jack Reacher 
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A former Army officer turned drifter is recruited by a defense attorney to investigate a ruthless Russian killer.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall
Director: Christopher McQuarrie





Wreck-It Ralph 
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Ralph is a video game villain who turns his back on being the "bad guy" and tries to become a hero.
Starring: John C. Reilly, Jack McBrayer
Director: Rich Moore





Rise of the Guardians 
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: The Nightmare King threatens to cover the world in darkness, so the Guardians join together with Jack Frost to stop him.
Starring: Jude Law, Hugh Jackman
Director: Peter Ramsey





Lincoln 
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: "Lincoln" depicts the president's last months in office as he attempts to end the Civil War and reunite the country.
Starring: Daniel Day Lewis, Tommy Lee Jones
Director: Steven Spielberg



Red Dawn 
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: When Spokane, Wash., is invaded by a foreign army, a group of young people band together to defend their hometown.
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Josh Peck
Director: Dan Bradley





Guilt Trip 
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A struggling inventor brings his overbearing mother on a cross-country road trip while he tries to sell his creation.
Starring: Seth Rogen, Barbra Streisand
Director: Anne Fletcher





Playing for Keeps
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A romantic comedy about a down-on-his-luck soccer star who comes home to pick up the pieces of his former life.
Starring: Gerard Butler, Jessica Biel
Director: Gabriele Muccino





Breaking Dawn II 
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The final chapter in the wildly successful Twilight Saga follows Bella as she begins her life as a vampire and a mother, and an ancient clan declares war on the Cullens.
Starring: Robert Pattison, Kristen Stewart
Director: Bill Condon

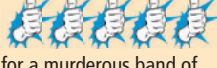



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Bilbo Baggins is sent on a quest by Gandalf the Grey to retake the Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor, long under the control of the dragon Smaug.
Starring: Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman
Director: Peter Jackson





Les Miserables 
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A classic tale of love, passion, sacrifice and redemption set against 19th century France.
Starring: Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe
Director: Tom Hooper




Django Unchained 
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A bounty hunter searching for a murderous band of brothers teams up with a slave bent on rescuing his wife.
Starring: Jamie Foxx, Leonardo DiCaprio
Director: Quentin Tarantino



Parental Guidance 
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Two old-school grandparents are tasked with babysitting their 3 grandchildren, leading to a collision of the old and new.
Starring: Billy Crystal, Bette Midler
Director: Andy Fickman



Texas Chainsaw 3D
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Leatherface returns to torment a group of teens – this time in three dimensions.
Starring: Alexandra Daddario, Trey Songz
Director: John Luessenhop
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New this week on DVD

- Tuesday, Jan. 1**
- Looper**
Rated: R
Genre: Science Fiction
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Bruce Willis
Director: Rian Johnson
 - Cosmopolis**
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Robert Pattinson, Juliette Binoche
Director: David Cronenberg
 - Little Birds**
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Juno Temple, Leslie Mann
Director: Elgin James
 - Lucky**
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Colin Hanks, Jeffrey Tambor
Director: Gil Cates Jr.

Top Grossing Dec. 21-23

- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (Week No. 2) **\$36,705,000**
- Jack Reacher** (Week No. 1) **\$15,600,000**
- This Is 40** (Week No. 1) **\$12,031,000**
- Rise of the Guardians** (Week No. 5) **\$5,900,000**
- Lincoln** (Week No. 7) **\$5,633,000**
- The Guilt Trip** (Week No. 1) **\$5,390,000**
- Monsters, Inc. 3D** (Week No. 1) **\$5,040,000**
- Skyfall** (Week No. 7) **\$4,700,000**
- Life of Pi** (Week No. 5) **\$3,800,000**
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II** (Week No. 6) **\$2,600,000**

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Gentle reminders for motorists



Gabriel Rochelle
Cycling the Mesilla Valley

I confess: It is becoming tiresome when folks half my age blast their horns at me on roads around Las Cruces.

I want to catch up to someone at a light and say, "Hey check this: I'm old enough to be your father (or grandfather, if it fits). Don't blow your horn at me."

I worry more, however, about motorists who blow horns at kids. Young riders are not as sure of themselves as those of us who have been on the bike for half a century or more. Horns can throw inexperienced riders off their balance and riding rhythm. Please don't blow your horns at them unless they are in serious peril.

Second, it may be just me, you'd have to check with other cyclists, but I find it more nerve-wracking to have a motorist hover behind me, visible in the rear-view mirror I always wear, than to have someone pass me as quickly as possible – remembering to give me a wide berth.

My bumper sticker asks you for 5 feet. So often I've experienced drivers behind me who hover, then deliberately flatten the accelerator to blow exhaust at me in a fit of pique because they "had to wait," when they could have passed safely and easily without getting into a snit.

Now as to where we ride, please check the New Mexico rules and regulations for cyclists. We are permitted – I repeat, permitted – to ride in the regular automobile lanes. We don't have to ride in the gook and grime, tin and glass, on the side of highways. Some of us do this to avoid drivers, or to avoid their horns, but we don't have to do it.

New Mexico law defines cyclists as "vulnerable users" of highways and roads. The law states that you may not "intimidate or harass" a vulnerable user, and if you are driving a car you should allow at least 3 feet, 6 feet if you are driving a truck, when passing a cyclist. It is not much of a problem here, but the law also states that you may not park in a bicycle lane or path, thus obstructing us from free movement. The same law pertains in New York, but people regularly violate it. Fortunately, New York City gives tickets and will tow cars parked in bike lanes.

Our law does require that cyclists ride as far right as possible on the road, but that's "on the road" and not in the gutter. Furthermore we are not to ride more than two abreast on roads and observe

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Year in Review: Providing help where needed

Nonprofits exceed goals for 2012

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Nonprofits serve multiple functions in the community.

Not only do they provide services and resources to those who need assistance, they also demonstrate a community's generosity.

Some organizations fight for a cure or prevention of an illness. Others fight for those who can't fight for themselves, such as our four-legged friends.

And some do it all.

"We connect donors with local community needs by building philanthropy; serve a community leadership role; and a bit of grant marketing," said Luan Wagner, executive director of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. "The nonprofit field serves a critical role in the community, often by helping people in need of services and filling gaps in critical or unmet needs."

The Community Foundation is one of 750 foundations throughout the United States that plays a unique role in helping start-up organizations.

"We are a nonprofit and independent," Wagner said. "We also work with individual organizations and companies to do a wide-range of charitable giving."

Small organizations that are not yet nonprofits can join the community foundation and be under the umbrella of a nonprofit organization, which benefits their individual cause through tax deductions that can stretch the dollar for grant sources.

"A lot of times it helps meet those unmet needs," Wagner said. "Private donations are also up to the discretion of the charity."

Nonprofits can change lives

in fundamental ways, change behaviors, change conditions in the community and provide different resources throughout the community."

La Casa Inc. is another nonprofit organization that serves an important role in the community.

"We provide domestic violence services for all of Doña Ana County," said Theresa Armendariz, executive director.

La Casa provides various services to the community including a shelter, non-residential counseling, community education programs, a legal department, batterers intervention program, children's program and more.

"Organizations like ours affect the community greatly," Armendariz said. "We work closely with other nonprofits and law-enforcements through a lot of the services we provide."

"(Nonprofits) are usually experts on their causes. The community turns to us for education and help."

With Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico, the focus is on mentoring children who come from low-income households, or any child or teen in need of a good role model.

"Our main focus is to help kids facing adversity from 6 to 17 (years old)," said Stacie Christiano, CEO. "We provide one-on-one role models. We want all kids to achieve success in their lives. That's our overall vision."

Nonprofits such as Big Brothers Big Sisters that work with children are making an investment "in our future," Christiano said.

Similar to Big Brother Big Sisters, the March of Dimes of Southern New Mexico is making an investment in our future.



Lucy Armijo smells various types of handmade soap bars for sale at the La Casa Holiday Bazaar in December. The event is the largest fundraising event of the year for La Casa.

"We provide awareness and resources to families affected by premature births and birth defects," said Becky Horner, executive director.

Not only is the goal of the March of Dimes to provide help and support, but to go out of business, Horner said. Ultimately, the organization, like so many others, is looking to eliminate the issue it was created for.

"I think one reason I like the Las Cruces community is that we are really a family," Horner said. "People know each other and help each other, which contributes to the success of all nonprofits in the community."

Another type of nonprofit is the one that gives a voice to those who don't have one. The ACTION Program for Animals keeps the interest of our four-legged friends at the forefront.

"We're an animal welfare nonprofit," said Michel Meunier, director. "We try to fill the gaps in order to save lives through low-See **Review** on page D2



Angelina Soltero, 8, rides on the back of her aunt, Katrina Sanchez, for the last leg of the walk during March of Dimes' March for Babies held in May.



Fall and winter models of the High Heels for High Hopes "A Girl for All Seasons" fashion show relax backstage: Gloria Carrillo, Audrey Valdez, Alesia Dulton, Farrah Marquez, Kara Carrasco, Theresa Montoya Basaldua. The event is held through the March of Dimes.



Two of the dogs up for adoption through ACTION Program for Animals and its Doña Ana Pets Alive! campaign were present at the motorcycle run in October. The campaign pulls at-risk pets from the shelter and puts them into foster pet homes until they are adopted.

Happy New Year, mate!

Australians live a little differently



Laura Smart
Health Smart

Having just returned from Australia, I thought you might be interested in learning a little about some of the holiday and health aspects of Australia compared to the United States.

Sydney is a beautiful, vibrant, cosmopolitan city. The Aussies display colorful "Happy Christmas from Sydney!" banners on the flagpoles throughout downtown Sydney. Many decorated Christmas trees can be seen in the outside walking malls and inside the various department stores. Since it is their summer, it does seem a bit unusual to see people dressed in shorts and sleeveless T-shirts enduring the hot and humid days in the harbor city.

The beaches are packed with bikini-clad women and wet-suited surfers. Hundreds of surfers come to nearby Bondi Beach to catch some of the largest waves in Australia. There are no obese surfers.

The public transportation system is similar to New York or London. There are a variety of ways to reach your destination without owning a car. The most popular, convenient and free mode of transportation is walking. Thousands of business people dressed in suits, ties, dresses and high heels can be seen walking everywhere in downtown Sydney.

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Bicycling is another very popular mode of transportation and exercise. I was reminded of all of the trim bicyclers I see in Las Cruces.

I was fascinated with the healthy variety of food selection in the downtown food courts. I couldn't resist photographing some of the clever vendor names and the descriptive words displayed throughout the outdoor court. "Thai Foon," "Stir Crazy," "IKU Whole Food ... eat well and be well," "Fruition" (mango smoothies), "Nutrition to Thrive," "High protein, low carb, low sugar," "Organic Wasabi Warriors," "Just Fish" (sushi), "Fresh, Healthy, Tasty," "Live" (organic burgers), "Thai Noodlist" (three billion Asians can't be wrong ... the noodle revolution is here!), "Kangaroo Pizza & Skewers" and "Organic chemical-free wine" by Macquerie Vineyards are available. I felt like a kid in a candy store exuberantly contemplating what my selection would be for lunch.

There were lots of Pilates, yoga and 24-hour fitness gyms. The best and most adventurous, fun exercise I enjoyed was the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb (1,436 steps). It's a two-and-a-half-hour tour and climb to the top of the bridge. The reward is a magnificent 360-degree view of Sydney and also the Blue Mountains in the distance. The guide also claimed the climb burned 500 calories. My guide told me when Oprah Winfrey was there, she took the elevator to the top.

There is so much more I could write about Sydney, but I think I'll schedule a presentation in January 2013 and cover the trip through my photos.

So even though at this printing, Christmas has passed and we're soon ushering in the new year, I hope you celebrated the greatest gift of all, the Christ child's birth.

G' day, mate and Happy New Year!

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Review

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cost vaccinations and welfare clinics."

While nonprofits are important to the community, the community is just as important to the organizations.

"We rely solely on the community," Meunier said. "We're all volunteers who offer support and provide foster homes. Volunteerism, people donating time and money – we can't do it alone. It's very important to have support from the community."

In 2012, the community demonstrated a tremendous amount of support, providing nonprofits with the assistance and funds needed to continue to fight for their causes.

The APA's largest fundraiser, Cruisin' for Critters, is only in its third year. The event was held in September and raised nearly \$6,000. Response for the motorcycle run has continued to grow each year. Two hundred riders participated in 2012 with an additional 50 to 75 people showing up to the after party.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' largest event, Bowl for Kids' Sake,

held in April, raised more than \$30,000 for the organization. Approximately 30 teams participated in the event, which allows community members to have the opportunity to meet the "matches" and have a better understanding of the organization.

Another clear demonstration of the community's generosity is La Casa's annual holiday Bazaar, which welcomed 3,500 guests and raised approximately \$39,500 for the shelter, education programs and resources throughout the year.

In September, the Alzheimer's Association raised more than

\$54,000 during its annual Walk to End Alzheimer's, surpassing its goal by \$14,000.

Each year, March of Dimes makes a big impression on the community. This year it surpassed its goal for 2012 and raised \$219,000 during March for Babies in May to raise awareness, prevent and support families affected by premature births. Approximately 1,100 people participated in the walk.

High Heels for High Hopes, another major event in the community that raises money for the March of Dimes raised more than \$164,000.

Con Alma Foundation honors professor Health Heroes in Angel Fire and Las Cruces

Con Alma Health Foundation congratulates this year's heroes of health: Chuck Howe, president of National Veterans Wellness and Healing Center Inc., in Angel Fire, and Rebecca Palacios, Ph.D., assistant professor at New Mexico State University.

Con Alma also awarded an honorary hero of health to State Sen. Dede Feldman, this year's speaker at Con Alma's grantee recognition event, for her work advocating for New Mexico to address the health needs of its residents.

"Every year we receive nominations about amazing individuals who make extraordinary contributions to the health of their communities," said Dolores E. Roybal, Con Alma's executive director. "This year we couldn't pick only one hero. Both Chuck and Rebecca embody the goals of Con Alma – creating sustainable solutions to improve the health of underserved populations. We congratulate them for caring deeply and working hard to help people."

In honor of this year's heroes, Con Alma

is providing a \$1,000 donation to a New Mexico nonprofit of each honoree's choosing – the National Veterans Wellness and Healing Center for Howe and Character Kids, Inc. for Palacios.



PALACIOS

Howe started the Healing Center after hearing about the need for veterans to receive treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The Center has hosted seven-day retreats for 175 veteran couples in 26 states since opening in 2009. Couples, which can include spouses, friends, siblings or partners, experience a variety of therapies, including yoga, meditation, group sessions, massage, equine therapy, acupuncture and a Native American pipe ceremony.

Howe's vision and focus make him a hero, said Karen Kelly, the center's executive director. He recognizes the importance of treating both the veteran and the significant other, she said. The center offers traditional and non-traditional healing because Howe saw that was the best way to help veterans and their families, she said. Also, he trained local residents in military life so they could connect to the people they treat.

"His vision has been, 'I don't care what I have to do to make this a reality – I need to help the guys who are coming back now so they don't have to live with this for 40 or 50 years,'" she said.

Rebecca Palacios, a first-generation Mexican-American, grew up along southern New Mexico's border and has a passion for helping the Latino population. Her work at NMSU involves improving drinking water in the colonias, where people don't have access

to city water, and improving consumption of fruits and vegetables in Mexican-American households.

"There's no reason for these health disparities to exist," she said. "I think it's important that everyone should have access to good health."

The three-year colonias project provides people with no-cost filtration systems to get rid of common contaminations in the water systems. To enhance people's nutrition, Palacios is examining barriers to people buying fruits and vegetables. She is collaborating with grocery stores and the marketing departments of NMSU and Cornell University to design better store plans that encourage fruit and vegetable purchases, including putting recipes on grocery carts.

"What Rebecca has is an incredible, uncanny ability to work well with the residents," said Mark Kittleson, Palacios' supervisor who nominated her for the award. "All of the nominees are heroes. They certainly don't do it for the money or glory, but they are out there concerned about people and making a true impact in the community."

This is the fourth year Con Alma has named heroes of health. Past heroes include Kristine Suozzi, public health advocate with New Mexico Health Equity Working Group, and Mario Pacheco, M.D. with the Pojoaque Primary Care and Northern New Mexico Residency Program.

Con Alma Health Foundation seeks to improve people's health status and access to health care services, and advocates for health policies to address the unmet health needs of New Mexico's culturally and demographically diverse population. Con Alma supports and partners with organizations to improve health in New Mexico.

For more information, visit www.conalma.org.

Motorists

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the usual rules of stopping for red lights and signs. We are also to use hand signals, and most of us do.

There are many regulations for cyclists to observe, but for the most part cyclists will take care to observe them and do not need your help. Where we need your help is to observe the rules of the road.

Remember, almost no cyclist uses a bicycle as a sole means of transportation. We all drive cars, trucks, SUVs and motorcycles, too. When we drive, we have to be cautious with cyclists, just as you do.

The difference between cyclists who drive cars and drivers who haven't ridden a bike since they were 16, is that cyclists know what it's like to be on the receiving end of improper and hostile treatment from drivers, while drivers who have not experienced it in so long have forgotten. Please consider this column a reminder. May 2013 be a safe year for us all.

Lest we fail to give thanks, kudos to Henry and Pablo and all the gang who organized and led the third annual Toys for Tots bike ride.

Father Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces, and an avid cyclist. Visit the church website at <http://stanthonylc.org>.

January is _____ Month

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Week

6-12 National Folic Acid Awareness
13-19 Healthy Weight
20-26 National Certified Nurse Anesthetists

Day

21 King Day of Service

F.Y.I.

The diagnosis of glaucoma is made when your eye doctor notices a particular type of damage in the optic nerve known as "cupping." This diagnostic finding can occur with or without high intraocular pressure. A normal intraocular pressure

(IOP) ranges between 12 and 22 mmHg (millimeters of mercury, a measurement of pressure). While it is more likely that you will have or develop glaucoma if your eye pressures are high, many people with high eye pressures never develop glaucoma. Furthermore, some people with glaucoma never have high eye pressures. Glaucoma with eye pressure in the normal range is known as "normal-tension glaucoma." Today the only treatments available are those that lower the intraocular pressure. Lowering eye pressure can be accomplished using medicines, laser, or surgery. Treatment needs to be carried out for life. Glaucoma can be controlled, but there is currently no cure.

Sources: www.nationalwellness.org, www.glaucoma.org

Healthy Happenings



TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room.

For more information, call 523-6240.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight loss goals.

For location information, call Doris Fields at 524-7461.

ART OF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at The Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment.

For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of

Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door.

Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684.

GLBTQ CENTER OFFERS SUPPORT

The Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St., provides a variety of groups and services for Las Cruces' gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning community.

For more information, call 635-4902, email info@newmexicoglbtcntrs.org or visit www.newmexicoglbtcntrs.org.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The facilitator is Dolores Hendricks. For more information, call 528-3000.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness. For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, located at 1320 S. Solano Drive, seeks to reduce HIV and hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes and helps drug users overcome addiction by providing information on available drug-treatment services.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service is confidential and no appointments are needed.

For more information, call Stefano at 556-1549.

HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket. For more information, call 522-7119.

T'AI CHI CHIH AT MOUNTAINVIEW

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 10:15

to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays.

Sessions are taught in the Women's Resource Room, and are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, or a \$2 donation is requested.

Free classes are also available to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

For more information, call 505-359-5256 or 312-8320, or email rositaad4@gmail.com.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program. For more information, call 647-5684.

YOGA CLASSES

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, email Nichols at karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

YOGA CLASSES BY BETH LEBLANC

Mixed gentle yoga sessions for men and women – with

and without chairs – are taught by Beth Le Blanc from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Laughter yoga sessions by Le Blanc are taught from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays.

Both classes are at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Women's Resource Room, and are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women Members. For others, a \$2 donation is requested.

Yoga sessions are also available from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at Enchanted Park, 1000 Coyote Trail, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Donations are accepted.

For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, contact Solomon at 522-5350 or wildyoga@yahoo.com.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

- 11:30 a.m. each Thursday at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133.
- 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care available

during meeting. For more information, call Nicky or Michael at 382-5200.

- 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, call Bonnie at 556-6117.

The Alzheimer's Association – New Mexico Chapter has offices in the Richardson Building, 101 N. Alameda Blvd., Suite 7.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900, or the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer Care, a support ministry for anyone in the community affected by cancer: patients, survivors, family, friends and care givers, meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St., Room 9. Newcomers are welcome.

For more information, call Betty Harris at 524-3994 or University United Methodist Church or 522-8220.

TAIJI QIGONG DANCE

Mei Ling Po McKay is offering a slow and relaxed moving meditation exercise with gentle elements of dance from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$4. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, email McKay at harmei@zianet.com or call 382-8978.

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Gratitude for participants at the HH4HH thank you dinner

Photos by Lorena Sanchez

High Heels for High Hopes emcee Steve Chavira and March of Dimes Division Director Becky Horner Wednesday, Dec. 12, at La Posta de Mesilla attended the High Heels for High Hopes thank you dinner.



Charla Parray from The Fixx Salon, model Virginia Martinez, Steve Galbadon and model Judy Peckumn attend the thank you celebration for those who supported and participated in the March of Dimes' High Heels for High Hopes fashion show.

Rachel Christiansen and Theresa Montoya Basaldua of the Las Cruces Bulletin show off their tokens of thanks from the March of Dimes. Christiansen accepted the honor for the Bulletin's sponsorship and Montoya Basaldua for modeling in the event and graphic design work marketing the event.



Don Dutton, model Alesia Dutton, creative director Leonard Jimenez and Wendy and Dennis Ewing attended the thank you celebration hosted by the March of Dimes.

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March of Dimes held a dinner for those who supported and participated in the March of Dimes' High Heels for High Hopes fundraiser. More than \$164,000 was raised at the fundraiser to promote awareness and help families affected by premature births.



Horner thanks those in attendance for their participation and support.



Marci Dickerson holds her thank you gift from the March of Dimes for her participation as a model. Dickerson was 2012's top model, raising \$30,000 for the cause through donations and hosting fundraising events.

Spreading holiday joy at the Be a Santa to a Senior gift wrap

Photos by Lorena Sanchez



United Health Care (UHC) employee Deann Fluitt volunteered her time to help wrap the 750 gifts for low-income seniors or seniors living alone to receive a gift and companionship this holiday season.



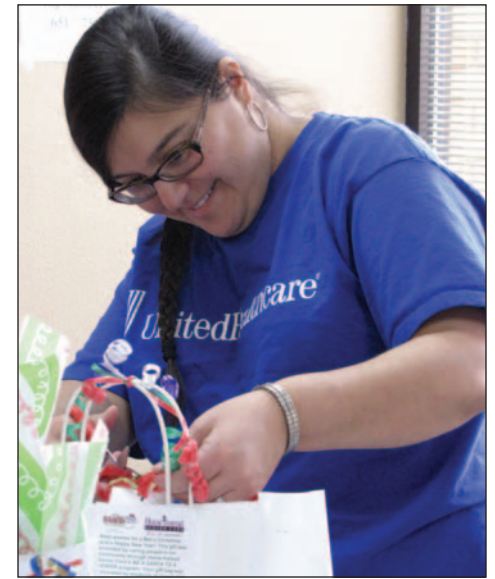
Of the 750 gifts for the seniors, 650 gifts had been wrapped Wednesday, Dec. 19. With help from local organizations and agencies who work with and help seniors who are in need, the program compiles a list of individuals in the community who need some extra attention.



A gift-wrapping room was set up to add bows, ribbon and tags to the gift bags decorated by children and staff from Desert Hills Elementary School.



Ariel Kannady, center, stands with a group of volunteers at the Be a Santa to a Senior gift wrap. More than 15 volunteers showed up to wrap the gifts that were handed out to seniors Thursday, Dec. 20 through, Sunday, Dec. 24, just in time for Christmas.



UHC employee Emma Orta volunteered her time at the Be a Santa to a Senior gift wrap.

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Church News

UNITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, invites the community to the following services:

- 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30: Burning Bowl service
- 10:30 a.m. Jan. 6, 2013: 12th Night, White Stone service

For more information, visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

ANNUAL WORLD HEALING MEDITATION

Rev. Terry Lund of Unity of Las Cruces, Rev. Sam Ritchey of Wellspring Church, Rev. Sandhi Scott of Oasis

Teaching Center, Rev. Bonnie Smith of Organ Mountain Institute for Spiritual Growth and Sam KoKyo, a Lathem Zen Priest, will lead the annual World Healing Meditation beginning at 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Each year on Dec. 31, at noon Greenwich Mean Time, millions of people around the world begin one hour of meditation focused on world peace. All are welcome to participate. For more information, call 647-2560.

DISCUSSION GROUP

A discussion group on "What We Talk about When We Talk about Anne Frank" will be held at 10 a.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2013, at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. These free conversations will explore the short stories in the 2012 book "What We Talk about When We Talk about Anne Frank" by Nathan Englander. For more information, email wanderingjeb@gmail.com.

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Jan. 26, 2013, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Living Life as a Spiritual Exercise."

PET BLESSING

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Hadley Ave., will hold its annual Pet Blessing at 4 p.m. Jan. 12, 2013, in honor of St. Seraphim and St. Anthony, friends of animals. Treats will be provided courtesy of Better Life. The public is also invited to participate in Vespers at 5 p.m. For more information, call 524-2296.

EL CALVARIO STUDIES

Paul Edwards will hold a series of studies on the Bible and immigration at 7 p.m. Wednesdays throughout January 2013 at El Calvario United Methodist Church,

300 N. Campo St. Members of the community are encouraged to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 524-1230.

UNITY BOOK STUDY

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, holds a book study group from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. The current book discussed is "The Third Jesus," by Deepak Chopra. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., offers two prayer groups. A centering prayer group meets weekly at 8 a.m. Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Gathering for Prayer meets Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 522-7119.

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Catholic men are invited to attend a men's Catholic fellowship breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Delicia's del Mar, 1401 El Paseo Road. The monthly gathering is an opportunity for men to fellowship with other Catholic men and renew themselves spiritually. The time will consist of praise and worship, teaching on male spirituality, fellowship and breakfast. The fellowship is sponsored by the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in collaboration with other Mesilla Valley Catholic parishes. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. For more information, call 524-8563.

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Spreading Christmas cheer

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

Child Crisis Center Coordinator Bernadine Dallago and Felicia and Nico O'Hara, 10, of Sierra Vista Community Church display toys donated to the center by church youth Wednesday, Dec. 19. For the first time, the church challenged its children to collect money that would be used to buy toys for the center and Gospel Rescue Mission. Since October, \$230 was raised, and the children learned that they were blessed and that their best gift is Jesus, Felicia O'Hara said. "I'm happy I got to help with this," Nico O'Hara said.

Seniors celebrate the holidays



Albert Reyna, resident council president at Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, holds the gift he received from a staff member at the center. Sagecrest held its annual Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the center for residents and their families. Each staff member adopted one to two residents for whom to buy a gift. Live music was provided by Israel "El Charro Nobel" Cabañas and his father, Arturo. The kitchen made chocolate covered treats and more for the event, including chocolate dipped strawberries and macaroons, fruit, brownies and more.

Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center photo

Rock 'em Sock 'em holiday



Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center photo

Peter Reddecopp of United Health Care (UHC) stands with Laura Arriaga of Sagecrest, Carla Martinez of UHC, Jennifer Downey of Sagecrest and Christina Salgado of UHC hold up socks donated for the homeless. UHC picked up 262 pairs of socks Monday, Dec. 17, at Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center bought by Sagecrest's staff for UHC's "Socks for the Homeless" drive.



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Health Briefs

APA's special adoption rates and Second Chance Program

From now through Jan. 2, 2013, ACTION Program for Animals is offering special adoption rates to help place orphaned pets and abused dogs into loving homes during the holidays. During this time, the group's pet adoption fees are reduced to \$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats, and adoptable animals are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, microchipped and fully supported post-adoption by the APA family of volunteers and foster parents.

For the Second Chance Dogs (from former abuse cases), there is an added bonus to giving these special dogs a home and a second chance; they come with free in-home, one-on-one transition support from Mike Larson of Canine Behavior Services of El Paso.

For more information, call 644-0505

TRI Unity Conference

There will be a TRI Unity Conference held for those interested in learning about practical solutions for individuals who need Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), Jan. 18, 2013, at the Corbett Center Student Union Ballrooms, 1600 International Mall, on the New Mexico State University campus.

AAC is practical language and communication-based solutions, and service delivery for individuals with needs in augmentative and alternative communication.

Featured speakers include Cathy Binger, Ph.D, CCC-SLP, with the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at the University of New Mexico. Binger specializes in AAC and has nearly 20 years experience as a speech therapist.

To register, visit www.triunityconference.net Lunch will be provided. Registration must be received by Friday, Jan. 11.

Fifth annual Cupids Chase 5K Run

Registration for the fifth annual Cupids Chase 5K Run is now open. The run will be held Feb. 9, 2013, beginning at the Mesilla Plaza. Registration will begin at 7 a.m and the race will start at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. with an awards ceremony, folklorico dancing and Mariachi Herredero.

Funds assist people on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver program to raise awareness of this population segment. Eight hundred people are expected to participate.

To register, visit www.active.com.

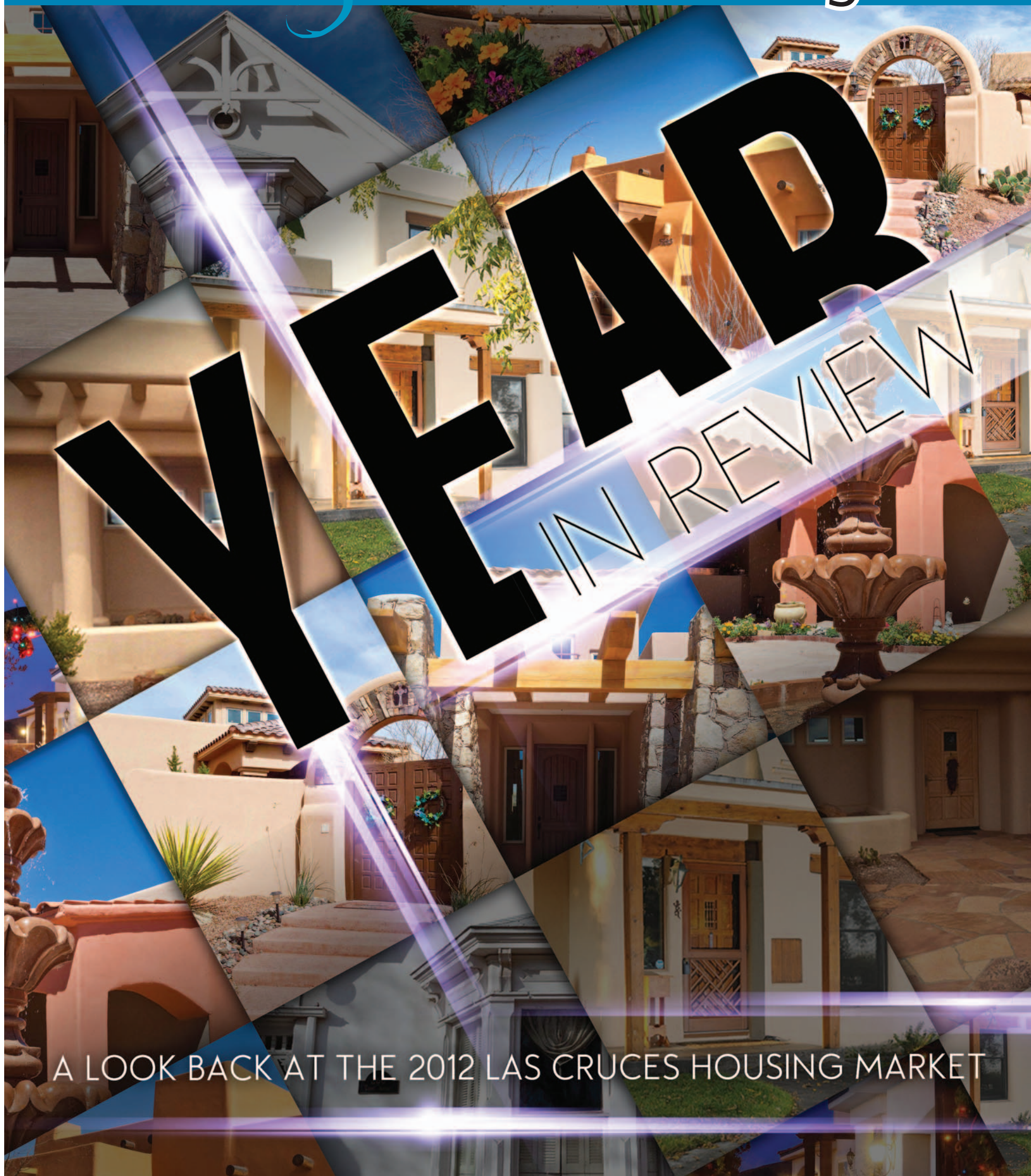
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A LOOK BACK AT THE 2012 LAS CRUCES HOUSING MARKET

Featured homes in 2012



This backyard oasis can be found at the 3,738-square-foot home at 6810 Bright View Road.



Color fills the kitchen at 4915 Cripple Creek Place.



The hacienda at 6612 Vista Hermosa features a traditional U-shape design with a courtyard at the center.



A Southwest style is used in 2780 Buena Tierra Court.



Grand details fill 5080 Catamount Drive.



The historic home at 266 W. Court Ave. features a modern "man cave."



Scenic views surround 5491 Artist Road.



The dining room of the historic home at 2900 Bowman St.



The home at 4557 Rociante Drive features a Mediterranean exterior.

Housing market remains steady in 2012

Year had ups and downs in real estate, building industries

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

2012 was another year of ups and downs for the Las Cruces housing market, with its fair share of highlights and pitfalls.

"I think 2012 was more optimistic than 2011," said Las Cruces Home Builders Association Managing Director Steve Chavira. "I think the industry began to gain more confidence in the way things are going. We're starting to gain traction and upward momentum."

From January through September 2012, 1,965 building permits were issued, an increase from the same time in 2011 when 1,918 building permits were issued. Despite the increase, however, the value of the permits is down.

"There are more permits, but it equaled the same value," Chavira said. "That means homes are being sold, but at a lesser value. There are fewer big, custom homes coming to the market."

Chavira added that activity in areas outside of home starts, such as remodeling, roofing, walls and additions, were up in 2012.

Home sales were up in 2012 with 15 new homes sold in September 2012 versus 11 the previous year, and 102 resale homes versus 62.

"Our inventory is going down and housing sales have been better from an overall perspective," said Las Cruces Association of Realtors Executive Director Doris Nurenberg.

According to the Southern New Mexico Multiple Listing Services, the average days of a home on the market was steady throughout 2012 and was a decrease from 2011 – 106 days compared to 131.

While the average sales price has been on a downward trend, with the \$150,000 and under price range remaining stable in 2012, Nurenberg said it isn't necessarily a bad sign.

"There are reasons for that," she said. "There is a much larger number of homes selling in the under \$150,000 market and there is more competition in that range. Also, there are more buyers for that price range."

"I think we'll see those prices rise as the inventory becomes less."

A highlight of 2012 that nearly all in the housing industry can agree on is current interest rates.

"The best thing going for our industry right now are interest rates," said Jennifer Sandoval, 2013 LCHBA president. "They're amazing. They're a reason alone to sell and build a house."

Donna Stryker, senior vice president of mortgage lending at First New Mexico Bank, said she noticed more purchases being completed in 2012 than previous years.

"I've been very busy," she said, adding that her volume of purchases and refinancing doubled from 2011. "I think people feel prices have stabilized in Doña Ana County and in our market."

While there is often a misconception that lenders have closed up shop, Stryker said, although the federal government has more restrictions in place, money is still available at local banks.

"There is now an enormous amount of documentation needed from borrowers," she said. "The normal borrower, however, can still qualify."

In addition to low interest rates, the price of lots has come down.

"There are great prices on land," Sandoval said. "Something that was once \$100,000 is now \$60,000. It's a great time to build."

"The value is still up there, but people need to sell," Chavira said.

Nurenberg said she has received feedback from members on one important change – consumers' attitudes.

"Buyers' attitudes have changed, and homeowners are more optimistic their houses will sell," she said. "I've seen the attitudes of Realtors change, too."

Nurenberg said this change in attitude can be seen in the steady flow of home sales throughout the year.

"There's more leveling out," she said. "There's not huge dips as before."

While consumers are becoming more comfortable with the market and purchasing and selling a home, those in the building industry are still waiting for conditions to come around.

"We need consumer confidence to catch up to the great prices in the market," Chavira said.

A detriment to the recovery of the Las Cruces housing market is government regulations facing the real estate and building industries.

"We're in a down market, and our governments – city, county and state – are still trying to impose costs that impact the cost of homes," said Sandoval, citing impact fees in Las Cruces as an example.

"Any legislative issue dealing with real estate or the real estate industry will affect homeowners in Doña Ana County as well homeowners in the rest of the state," said Ceil Levantino, committee chair for LCAR's Legislative Committee.

She said there are four major issues LCAR is keeping a close eye on:

- Real estate transfer tax
- Broker lien law, which primarily affects commercial brokers
- Home inspector's licensing law, which would require home



A jetted tub is showcased at 4949 Wrangler Place.

inspectors in the state to become licensed

- Broker's price opinion

Chavira and Sandoval said they are optimistic that the homebuilding industry will improve in 2013 not only in Las Cruces, but around the nation.

"We all have to work together to facilitate improvement," Chavira said. "I think things are on an upswing. I don't think 2013 will be a boom year, but I see positive growth moving forward."

Something that will help get people into homes, Nurenberg said, is the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's HERO Program, which is financial assistance for "heroes."

"The purpose of the HERO Program is to make homeownership more affordable for New Mexico's educators, first responders, health care workers and military personnel who desire to live in the communities they serve," said Teri Baca, a homeownership representative with MFA.

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A look back at The year 2012

Work on the historic Armijo house began in January. The building was donated by Citizens Bank to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce in 2011 to be the chamber's new office.



H.B. Holt House was one of the seven historic houses open to the public during the second annual Casas de Antaños tour held by Mesilla Valley Preservation in February.

In April, the City of Las Cruces celebrated its first anniversary of curbside recycling coming to the City of the Crosses. Within the year, more than 7,900 tons of recyclables had been collected.



After being on the Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity waiting list for three years, Fernanda Moreno shows off the key to her new home during a home dedication ceremony in April.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	4	2	1

Closed Sales Existing Homes	22	11	20
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Pending Home Sales (All)	143	149	156
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	124	91	105

*Homes include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$199,849	\$170,000	\$161,000

Median Price Existing	\$169,500	\$72,000	\$151,250
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,106	1,084	1,129

Real Estate Agents	399	399	366
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Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 12/10/12-12/16/12
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Those involved with the creation of New Mexico State University's Chamisa Village Phase II stand beside the facility's plaque from the U.S. Green Building Council in August. The new on-campus apartment complex is the first LEED gold multi-family housing unit in the state.



Great strides have been made in the Phillips Chapel restoration project in 2012. The final touches are currently being put on the chapel, which went under an extensive restoration that began in 2010.



Doña Ana County Master Gardeners Myles Muñoz and Lynn Brant prepare their juniper trees for their pots at a bonsai class held during the 2012 New Mexico Master Gardener Conference held in Las Cruces in June.



Window World owner Kevin Tubbs discusses different panel options with Christopher and Brenda Rivera during the first-ever Renovate & Decorate Show held by the Las Cruces Home Builders Association in September.



The 2013 LCAR Board of Directors took to the stage during the 2012 LCAR Awards and Installation Banquet in November.



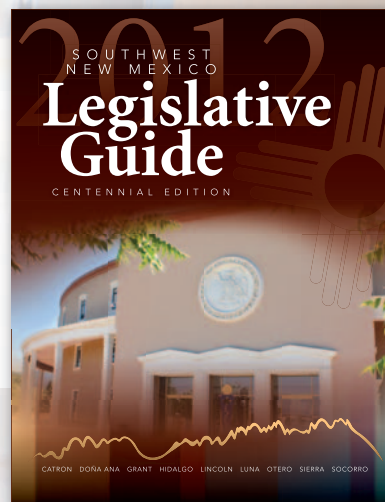
Past New Mexico Home Builders Association President Randy Crowder installs the 2013 LCHBA Board of Directors during an awards and installation banquet in December.



Las Cruces Association of Realtors 2012 President Teri Camacho welcomes guests to the annual Denim & Dollars Charity Auction, held to raise funds for the association's Community Service Committee in June.

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Hey, how is your spring to-do list coming along?

Ways to burn off those extra calories from the holidays

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



Another year gone by and you still have not finished your spring to-do list. I am not talking about next spring, I am referring to last spring. You know who you are!

Well, this time of year is an excellent time to get a jump start on the new season.

We start with the obvious, which is picking up all the fallen leaves. If at all possible, compost those leaves to help keep them out of the landfill. The leaves not only help put nutrients back in the soil, but they also help build up and retain moisture. If you have had problems with insects or diseases on certain trees, it is best not to re-use these particular leaves.

I usually use a blower to collect my leaves into the middle of my lawn and then use a mower with a bagger to help “vacuum” and break down the bulky material. The smaller the leaf particle, the faster they will decompose.

You may perform light or even major pruning on some trees and shrubs during this cold month. There are some flowering plants you should avoid during this time of year, but I will provide a detailed list for the next article.

Most deciduous trees and shrubs can be pruned now to remove dead or diseased wood, criss-crossed or wayward limbs. When cutting, be sure to keep balance in

mind. Have a reason for every slice you make. Stand back and view each time you sever a branch to better yet imagine what it would look like before you remove it.

Most evergreens will benefit from spring or summer shearing as the new growth will quickly hide any bare spots some trimming may have made, so leave these alone at this time. If you have coniferous or broad leaf evergreens, you can check for overwintering insects, particularly toward the middle of the plant.

Aphids or scale can often overwinter in the midst of the thick layers that some of these greens provide. Look for a sticky or shiny film on the outer edges or even on the ground just below the drip line, or search for small, soft-bodied critters nestled tightly within the small stems and branches. Spraying with dormant oil may do the trick in most cases. This will help eliminate the need for using more harsh chemicals.

Don't forget to water. Although you don't have to water as often as in the summer months, almost all plants should have some occasional winter moisture, especially a winter as mild as this one. Watering once or twice per month should suffice for all evergreens, dormant grass, deciduous plants and trees.

Newly planted items (less than a month) should be watered once or twice per week. Cool season grasses should be watered once every seven to 10 days.

These winter chores should burn off a few of those extra “holiday calories” as well as help you get a jump start on the new spring season.

Happy New Year!

Gary Guzman, owner of Guzman's Color Your World Gardening Centers, can be reached at gary@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Here's the rap on wrapping paper

What to do when the holiday season has passed

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the holidays come to a close, the next thing on your to-do list is breaking everything down and packing it all away until next year.

One item you might have an abundance of is wrapping paper. Used to dress up gifts, wrapping paper for every occasion most likely fills your hall closet.

Wrapping paper became an industry in 1917, thanks to Hallmark, a company that had already made a name for itself in the greeting card business. Prior to that, gifts were given in tissue paper.

Since that time, the wrapping paper market exploded and every event in a person's life – from holidays and graduation to birthdays and marriages – had their own special paper to celebrate with.

During the holiday season, gift wrapping and shopping bags can account for 4 million tons of waste in the landfill each year. In the U.S. alone, 2 billion trees are cut down each year for wrapping paper.

Because of this waste, consumers are often encouraged to reuse or recycle their wrapping paper. While you can rewrap gifts in leftover wrapping paper, there is more you can do with the stuff.

Here are some of the ways you can keep wrapping paper out of the landfill and even cut down on your hall closet clutter.

1. Make a framed piece of art: Decorative wall hangings can be expensive. Rather than spending your precious dough on a store-bought item, how about creating your own from leftover wrapping paper. Select a wrapping paper that has an interesting or bold pattern. Cut out a piece that fits into your desired frame. The fun thing about this is you can mix and match different frame sizes or styles of wrapping paper for an interesting look. Since scissors are the only tool being used here, it doesn't matter if your artistic abilities are minimal.

2. Create a flowerpot alternative: Sure flowers and houseplants are great additions to your home, but they require upkeep. An alternative is taking several of your favorite rolls of wrapping paper and sticking them into a large pot. It will look dramatic and will last longer than flowers. Another advantage: you'll never have to search for your rolls of wrapping paper again.

3. Fancy up a pin board: Just because that pin board hanging over your desk will become covered in papers, photos and other knick-knacks doesn't mean it has to be boring. Dress up that dreary board with your leftover wrapping paper. Select your favorite

paper and wrap it over the front and sides of your board. Now you have a decorative backdrop and something more interesting to look at when you have those moments of, oh, say, writers' block.

4. Cover textbooks: It is often required by schools that students cover their textbooks to help prevent damage. While there are several types of book covers available – from the stretchy store-bought kind to the Sunday funnies – use your leftover wrapping paper.

5. Dress up ordinary matchboxes: A common gift year-round is candles. The next time you bestow a candle or two on your loved ones, why not include with it a box of matches. A plain ol' box of matches just won't do. Dress up your gift by wrapping the matchbox in wrapping paper. The candle can also be given a decorative, wrapping paper exterior, but remind the gift recipient that wrapping paper is flammable and will need to be cut down as the candle burns.

6. Create your own ribbon or packing material: It happens to the best of us – we all end up with that oddly shaped piece of wrapping paper that has no other use but to be thrown away. Stop! Rather than adding it to your trash heap, turn it into ribbon or packing filler. Use a paper shredder or a steady hand with scissor to cut the piece into long strips. The strips can be added to your future gifts in many ways.

7. Line your drawers: Wrapping paper can be used to line your drawers, cart, tray or shelves. It will be prettier than normal butcher's paper and will keep your belongings safe.

8. Add to a handmade greeting card: A handmade card often says and means more than the store-bought variety. Skip the expensive, specialty scrapbooking or card-making supplies and use what you have around the house to make your cards. You can cut the paper into shapes or use it as a backdrop. Some heavy paper, wrapping paper and a bit of glitter and glue are all you need to make your own memorable notes.

9. Shine a unique light: Is that plain lamp bringing down the décor of your room? Give it new life with wrapping paper. Cover a simple lamp shade in your wrapping paper of choices and re-attach it to your lamp. Not only will it be dressed up, it will cast an interesting light in the room. It is recommended by experts to use a non-embellished wrapping paper in this project.

10. Dress up your tables: Whether it's your dining room or coffee table, give your flat-surfaced furniture a bit of decoration with wrapping paper. That leftover paper can be cut into placemat-sized pieces then glued to cardboard or laminated. You can also transform the paper into coasters using the same technique.



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Nibbling in the New Year

Savory dishes are a great way to celebrate 2013

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New Year's Eve bubbles with excitement and champagne!

If you're throwing a shindig or attending one, whip up some unforgettable savory dishes such as cassoulet, a traditional country casserole from southwestern France. Twelve years ago – oops, almost 13 now – a friend shared a recipe she clipped from a newspaper.

The French have oodles of cassoulet versions and the one shared this week is prepared with the “works” – Italian sausage, pork tenderloin and duck breast spiked with cayenne pepper. Serve it as an entrée or guests can scoop a taste to nibble.

Another savory dish that “speaks” French is mushrooms drenched in a cayenne crème fraîche white wine sauce. Velvety smooth, its nutty, tangy flavor is addictive. Be prepared. Make a double batch.

Closer to home are crab-stuffed jalapenos and red-hot lentil “pate.” Feliz Año Nuevo!

Savory Cassoulet

4 cups tomatoes, chopped with their juice (canned are fine)
1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
4 cups white beans, almost fully cooked (drained if canned)
1 cup stock, dry red wine, bean cooking liquid or water
Salt to taste
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
1 pound Italian sausage, preferably in one piece
1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 boned duck breast

Combine tomatoes and garlic in a large saucepan, bring to a boil and add beans. Bring to a boil again, stirring occasionally and then reduce heat so mixture bubbles gently. Cook about 20 minutes, adding stock or other liquid when mixture thickens. Add salt and cayenne when beans are tender and flavorful.

While beans are cooking, put sausage in a skillet, and turn heat to medium-high and brown on both sides, turning only once or twice. Add to pot with bean mixture, along with pork cubes. Raise heat a bit if necessary to keep a simmer going. Stir beans occasionally so pork cooks evenly.

Cut a 1/2-inch crosshatch in skin side of duck breast, right down to fat layer. Put breast, skin side down, in skillet that sausage cooked in and turn heat to medium-high. Cook until nicely browned, pouring any rendered duck fat and juices into bean mixture. Turn duck, and brown meat side. Then crisp the skin side again for a minute or so, once more pouring any fat into beans. Total cooking time for breast will be 6 to 8 minutes. When it is done, add breast to beans.

To serve, carve sausage and duck breast into serving pieces and place on plates. Top with beans and pork.

Cayenne Crème Fraîche Mushroom Sauce

1/2 cup button mushrooms, sliced to desired thickness
1/2 cup mixed wild mushrooms, sliced to desired thickness
1 cup crème fraîche
1/2 cup white wine
1/4 cup water
1 white onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Salt and pepper

Heat the olive oil in a medium-large sized saucepan; add the chopped onion and sauté gently until the onions are soft and translucent. Add the mushrooms to the onions, together with the crushed garlic and cook for a few more minutes. Pour in the white wine and bring the mixture to the boil. Reduce heat slightly and cook until the sauce has reduced by about half. Pour in the water and stir in the crème fraîche.

Bring the sauce to a boil once again and cook for 5 minutes or until the sauce has thickened. Add the thyme, cayenne pepper and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well and serve immediately. Use as a dip for toast points. Makes about 2 cups.

Crab-Stuffed Jalapeño Poppers

18 to 20 jalapeño peppers
1 (8-ounce) block cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup Cheddar cheese, shredded
3/4 teaspoon Cajun/Creole seasoning
1/2 cup jumbo lump crab meat
1/2 cup flour
4 eggs, lightly beaten
2 cups Panko bread crumbs
1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rinse jalapeño peppers, cut off the stem and cut in half lengthwise. Use the edge of a teaspoon to remove the ribs and seeds from the peppers. In a bowl, combine the cream cheese, Cheddar, crab and seasoning until well blended. Fill each pepper half with a small mound of the mixture.

To bread the peppers, arrange a plate with flour, a bowl of the beaten eggs, and a plate of bread crumbs. Stir the salt into the bread crumbs. Roll each pepper in the flour, then dip in the egg, then roll in the bread crumbs. Place the breaded, stuffed peppers onto a baking sheet. Bake for about 35 to 40 minutes until the outside is golden brown and the filling appears bubbly. (Recipe adapted from <http://gourmetmom.com>.)

Red Lentil and Roasted Garlic Dip

1 cup dry red lentils
2 cups water
6 cloves roasted garlic (see following recipe)
Juice from 1/2 a medium sized lemon
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder (Texas style)
1 to 2 teaspoons salt

Bring red lentils and water to a boil in a small pot. Boil for about 3 minutes, cover and remove from heat. Allow lentils to stand for 15 minutes. Drain any remaining water from the lentils and save.

In a food processor or blender, blend together the lentils, roasted garlic, lemon juice, cumin, chili powder and salt. If the dip is too thick, add some of the reserved cooking water. Makes about 2 cups.

Roasted Garlic

One head of garlic
Olive oil
Salt

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Remove any excess papery skin from the garlic head. Slice off the enough of the head to just uncover the very top of the garlic cloves. Drizzle with olive oil and a little salt. Wrap the head in tin foil and roast for



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about 45 minutes or until the cloves start to brown. (Recipe adapted from “Skinny Dips” by Diane Morgan, Chronicle Books, September 2012.)

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Cold weather can encourage infestation

Those insects may be closer than you think this winter



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With the winter solstice just passed, we all get used to the shorter days and longer nights, bundling up near the roar of fireplaces and spending less time outdoors.

It's how humans have adapted to the cold weather, but other species can't turn up the heat. When it comes to pests'

winter survival strategies, many take steps that are familiar to us all – they come inside.

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) estimates rodents alone invade an approximated 21 million homes in the U.S. each winter. Mice and rats can pose a health hazard and can cause serious structural damage by eating through wood and/or electrical wiring inside a home.

Insects that take to the balmy climate indoors, such as cockroaches, ants and spiders, all can threaten human health. Spiders bite when they feel threatened, which can cause a serious reaction. Excrement and debris from decomposing cockroach bodies can lead to asthma attacks.

Outdoors in cold climates, many pests remain deep in the soil, well below the frost line. In warm climates or indoors, where the temperature is controlled, they are active all year, including the winter. For example, subterranean termites will move deeper into the ground in the winter to stay warm and survive. The subterranean workers forage closer to their nests during the winter and remain active, although likely not quite as active as during warmer months.

If subterranean and drywood termites have found shelter and food in your home's foundation and walls, they'll ride out the winter with you and not be as affected by cold outdoor temperatures.

There are other pests that actually don't mind the cold weather and are as active in the middle of winter as in any other season, such as the winter stonefly and an insect commonly called a snow flea. Even though they're spring-tails and not really fleas, on a warm winter day, they can be seen jumping on the surface of snow.

Now is the time to take steps to prevent pests from having easy access to your home. Simple measures will ensure that you will have a pest-free winter by minimizing the number of routes insects can use to get inside.

Truly Nolen recommends taking the following steps to prevent unwanted winter guests:

- Collect fallen leaves that insects use to take cover, and remove leaves and grass clippings from around the foundation of the home.
- Keep shrubs neat.
- Cut branches back from the roof.
- Keep gutters clean and clear.
- Stack firewood away from the house to prevent rodent, spider and centipede infestations and try to only bring in the wood that's going to be burned immediately.
- Screen all windows, doors and chimneys to keep flies and rodents out.
- Keep attics, basements and crawl spaces well ventilated and dry.
- Replace loose mortar and weather-stripping around the basement foundation and windows.

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